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CLIPPER LOST IN THE PACIFIC

San Francisco, To-day.

The Pan-American Airways Samoan Clipper, on the newly instituted U.S.-New Zealand run, is reported missing between Pago-Pago and Auckland.

According to Pan-American Airways officials she is carrying a crew of six and express air mail.

Officials state that two hours after leaving Pago-Pago, the Clipper wirelessly reported that she was turning back.

She last reported her position at 3.27 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time), since when nothing has been heard of her.

REASON UNKNOWN

Reason for the Clipper's decision to turn back at present is not known, and air line officials state they have received no reports of any adverse weather conditions.

It is pointed out that the Clipper is capable of weathering fairly rough seas, and may have landed and is afloat somewhere along her route.

She is commanded by Capt. Edwin Musick, who commanded the first Clipper on the California-Manila service.

CLOUD OF SMOKE

A message from Honolulu says that fear is expressed there for the safety of the Clipper, as no message has been received from the plane since 8.30 p.m. (Greenwich Time).

Anxiety has been increased by a message received by United States Navy headquarters in Honolulu stating that natives saw a plane disappear in a cloud of smoke.

Britain Advises Acquiescence For The Present

London, To-day.

It has become known in London, says the diplomatic correspondent of "The Times" that the Senior British Naval Officer in Shanghai was recently notified by the Japanese Naval Staff that Japan could no longer permit the passage of non-Japanese merchantmen up the Yangtze, owing to the alleged dangers to shipping as the result of Chinese mine-laying and military operations.

The British Government, the correspondent says, has indicated that it cannot admit of any right of interference by the Japanese authorities with foreign shipping on the Yangtze.

Nevertheless, foreign merchantmen (as it is impracticable to arrange convoys for them) have been advised against attempting the upward passage.

As soon as inquiries into local conditions on the river, particularly as they affect the alleged military justifications for Japanese action, have been completed, the British Government will doubtless initiate the appropriate

diplomatic steps aiming at the removal of the present difficulties. — Reuter.

PARIS STRIKE CLASH

Paris, To-day.

A clash occurred between police and 60 strikers in a transport concern yesterday afternoon when the police ordered strikers out of a garage which the latter had occupied.

When the men refused to leave they were ejected. Five arrests were made. — Trans-Ocean.

The United States steamer Avocet, at Samoa, is now searching for the plane. — Reuter.

NO IMMEDIATE DECLARATION OF WAR

Tokyo, To-day.
Usually well-informed circles who are in close touch with Government sources, do not believe there is any immediate likelihood of a formal declaration of war against China as a result of yesterday's Imperial Conference. — Reuter.

NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON

Paris, To-day.

Official announcement of appointment of M. de Saint-Quentin as French Ambassador to Washington, was made in Paris last night.

The new Ambassador was chosen for the Rome post in 1937 but never took up his duties there because of the difficulty over recognition of conquest of Abyssinia. — Trans-Ocean.

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'IT'S THAT GIRL AGAIN!'

Do you suffer from telephonitis? Do you know that more and more young girls are afflicted with this unpleasant malady? Do you realise that it doesn't take long for it to become chronic?

And that the more you indulge in it, the less aware you become of its evil effects on your romantic aspirations?

I refer, of course, to that particularly insidious aspect of telephonitis which consists of your taking the initiative by telephone, in arranging to connect socially with a young man. Get it?

Girls have been taking so much in their own hands these days that

they have less and less uneasiness about this once purely masculine activity. However, I'm sure your brothers will back me up — we don't like it!

ARE YOU POPULAR?

We are flattered — yes. Our ego is inflated, even at times when your 'phoning becomes a nuisance. But you don't make a good impression by doing it. You may have achieved a fair number of good times out of your calls, but you've gained a dubious popularity.

You lose much in the eyes of men.

Running after men just doesn't bring about love and marriage. There have been exceptions, no doubt. I'm not saying that in real life many a girl has not had to get a man to pop the question by putting the words right into his mouth.

YOU JUST HELP HIM

But asking for fair lady's hand, whether old style or new, at least infers that a fellow has pursued her enough to be matrimonially inclined, and needs only her assistance in stating the fact.

The girl I'm writing mostly about to-day is she who, wanting a date, reaches for the 'phone when it doesn't ring of his accord.

The male callee often enough gladly succumbs to her suggestion to "come on over" or that she's just dying to see that new film, or, more feebly, that he bring her a certain book.

But naturally he suspects that something's wrong with a girl who has to resort to the telephone for her dates. Whether he analyses it as such or not, he instinctively senses her lack or pride.

Pride's an old institution. Undoubtedly the caveman's woman had her pride. So, even the least demanding of modern chaps is likely to miss this quality when it's absent.

Supposing it's true that man to-day is no longer the pursuer, even in the minor prerogatives of arranging his social life; then girls had best remember that man still cherishes the illusion of taking the initiative and it will take a while longer to wean him away from it.

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When girls take the lead in getting dates, they do often have more male escorts than girls who sit at home with a book or their knitting, or, dreadful as it may seem, just with the family.

But, we claim from a large store of masculine observation on this subject, we've never met the men who approve of this practice. And it never gains girls any permanent attachments.

Three interesting excuses have been offered by girls for doing their own date-making by telephone. Many modern chaps, they say, are timid, lazy or so spoiled in this way by other girls, that they're almost driven to using the same tactics.

Chaps so timid, so lazy or so spoiled, say I, are not fit companions for any girls. Let's skip them.

Two phases of telephonitis are even more irritating to men than being rung up for dates, but they don't prejudice us quite as insidiously against the feminine sinner.

First, there's the young woman who keeps the wires humming between herself and her fiancé. In this case the recipient presumably is pretty much in love and apt to excuse the annoyance on grounds of her devotion.

But it puts quite a strain on the engagement, especially if it appears that jealous fears of his whereabouts or feminine possessiveness are at the back of it all.

Then there's the bride. The most spineless spouse cures his wife of unnecessary telephoning — to the office, at least — within a few months. The first few months of marriage would be much pleasanter for newly-wed husbands, if brides would remember that sharing everything does not mean sharing your woes over the butcher, or milkman, or even in-laws during his business hours.

Though your husband restrains himself throughout your telephone recital to laconic "Is that so,

You may think he likes your bright conversation — that he can't hear or see too much of you. You may both be in love. Even so, you can overdo the telephone habit. If you spend too much time dialling his number — when the telephone rings and it's you at the other end of the line, he thinks.

dear?" and "I'm sorry, dear," the office soon has the laugh on him. No man likes to feel embarrassed, you know.

* * *

Now, the wise girl builds up such a reputation for never, never running after a man; that she can get away with a very rare telephone call and it will utterly charm a man.

If, for instance, she has been out of town for a prolonged period, if she wants him to make up a party and meet Cousin Louise, or if she needs his advice on some matter, and obviously isn't fishing for a date.

The saddest offender of all we haven't mentioned. Perhaps she needs a psychological probe all to herself. The poor, deluded female who 'phones and 'phones a man after the friendship has ended.

Here, in a man's eyes, one ring and only one is permitted. If she has been definitely in the wrong, she can call to say she'd like to see him to explain or apologise.

But without tears, girls. In fact, in a dignified tone that implies there will be no further obligation on his part. However, even this is

To-day

**GEORGE
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warns you

usually better foregone. If you've made a mistake, take your punishment on the chin.

You will notice we haven't touched upon that prolific form of telephonitis which runs to endless conversations between women. This is so old a form of the disease as to be positively venerable, and I almost hesitate to denounce it when better men than I have been unable to find a cure for it.

May I just mildly admonish you to do a little real amputating when a telephone chat threatens to become very long-winded while your men folk are within earshot?

Moral: For the unmarried girl — better an evening at home alone than out by overworking your own telephone. When Bell's great invention looks like temptation itself, curb that impulse!

A RED PEPPER DISH

4 cod steaks, 1 small carrot, 3 peppercorns, pepper, salt, paprika, 1 shallot or small onion, ½ bay leaf, 1 pint white sauce, 2 heaped tablespoonfuls grated cheese.

Place steaks in a shallow saucepan half-filled with boiling salted water. Add sliced carrot, peeled shallot or onion, peppercorns and bay leaf.

Cover and simmer for 25 minutes.

Drain well.

Divide into egg-sized pieces or leave whole, and arrange in a shallow, buttered, fireproof dish.

Add the cheese to the sauce. Season well with salt, pepper and paprika. Pour over fish.

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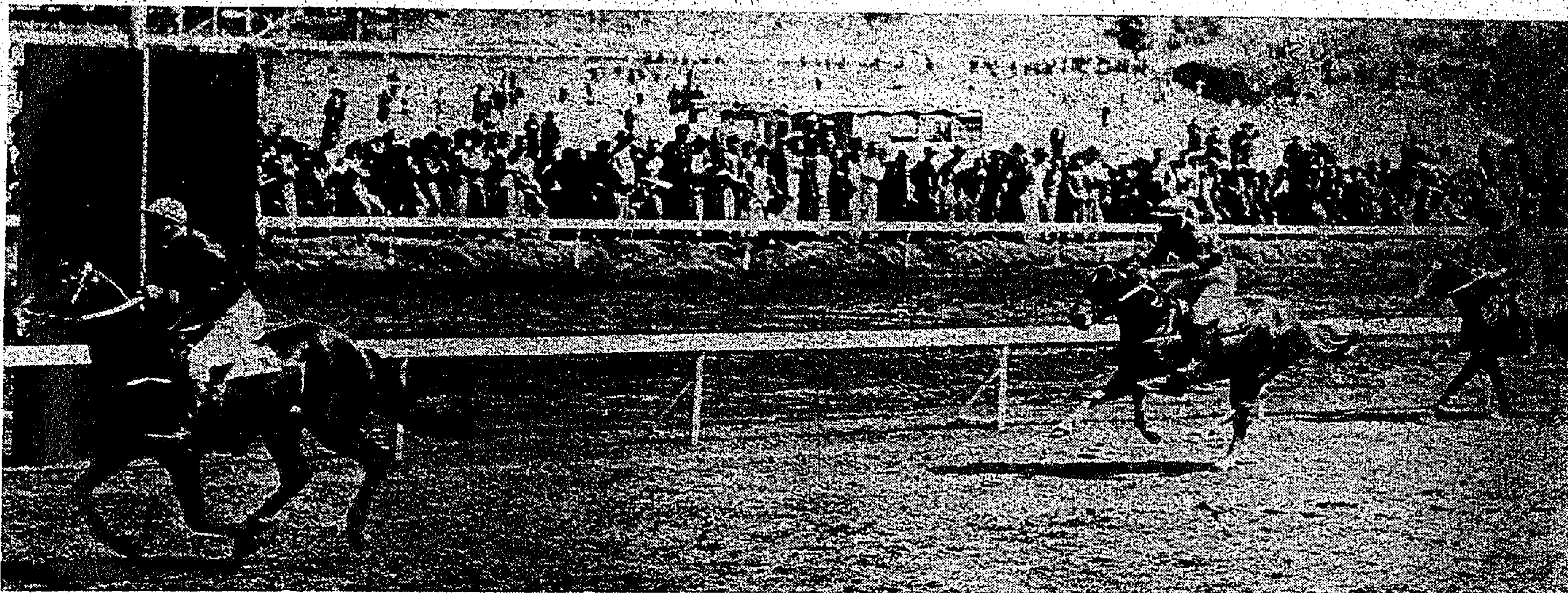
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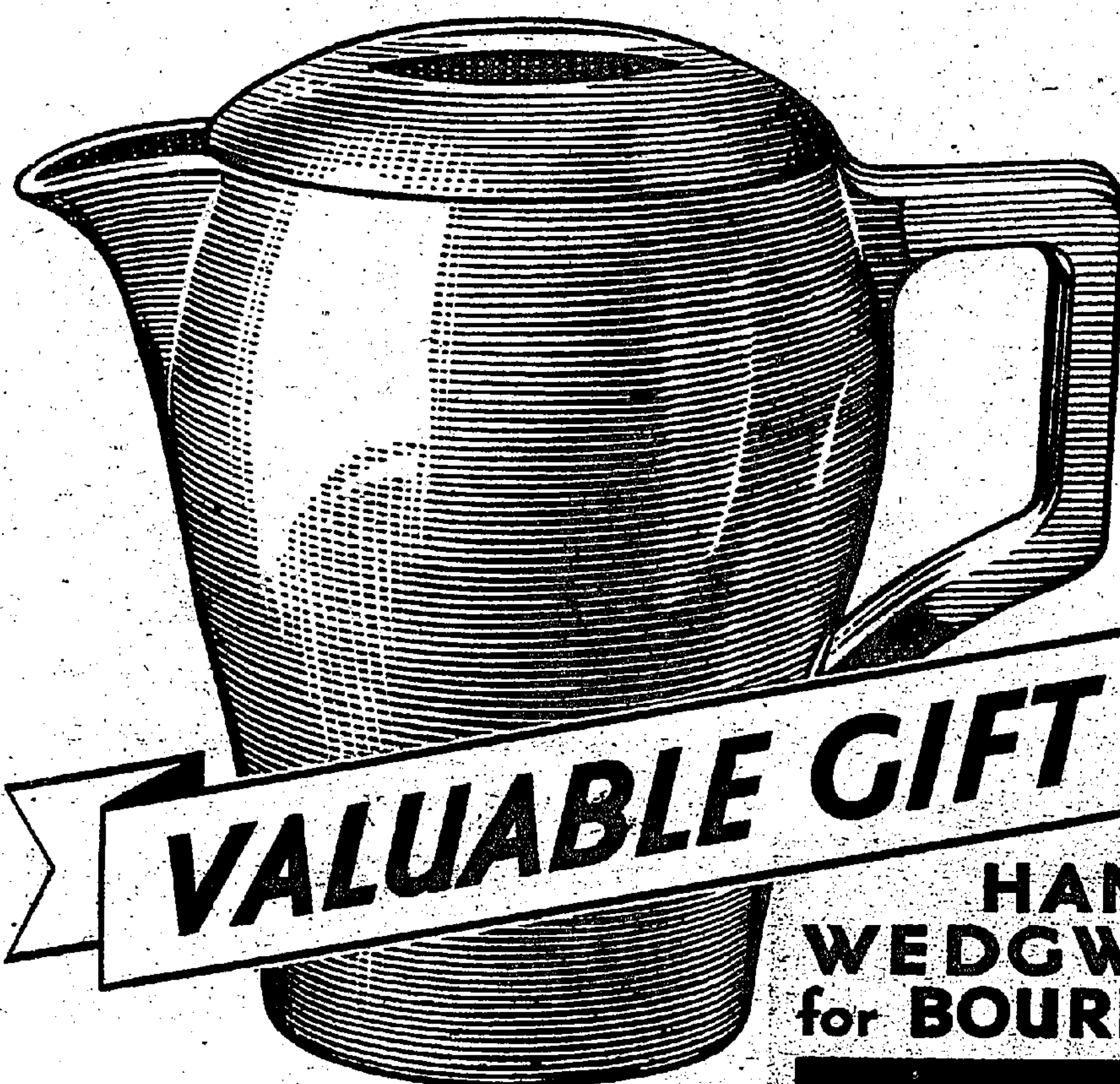
Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Cameronian (C. Encarnacao up) winning the Lusitano Cup by four lengths from Hundrum Eve (F. Marshall) and Just in Time (J. Pote-Hunt). ("Mail" photo).



Railway workers employed by the L.M.S. in Yorkshire are attending a course of anti-gas training at a special school set up for their use. Here is a signalman practising his work in a mask during anti-gas drill. (Copyright).



A boy competitor getting off the mark in an event in the Kowloon Junior School Sports. ("Mail" photo).



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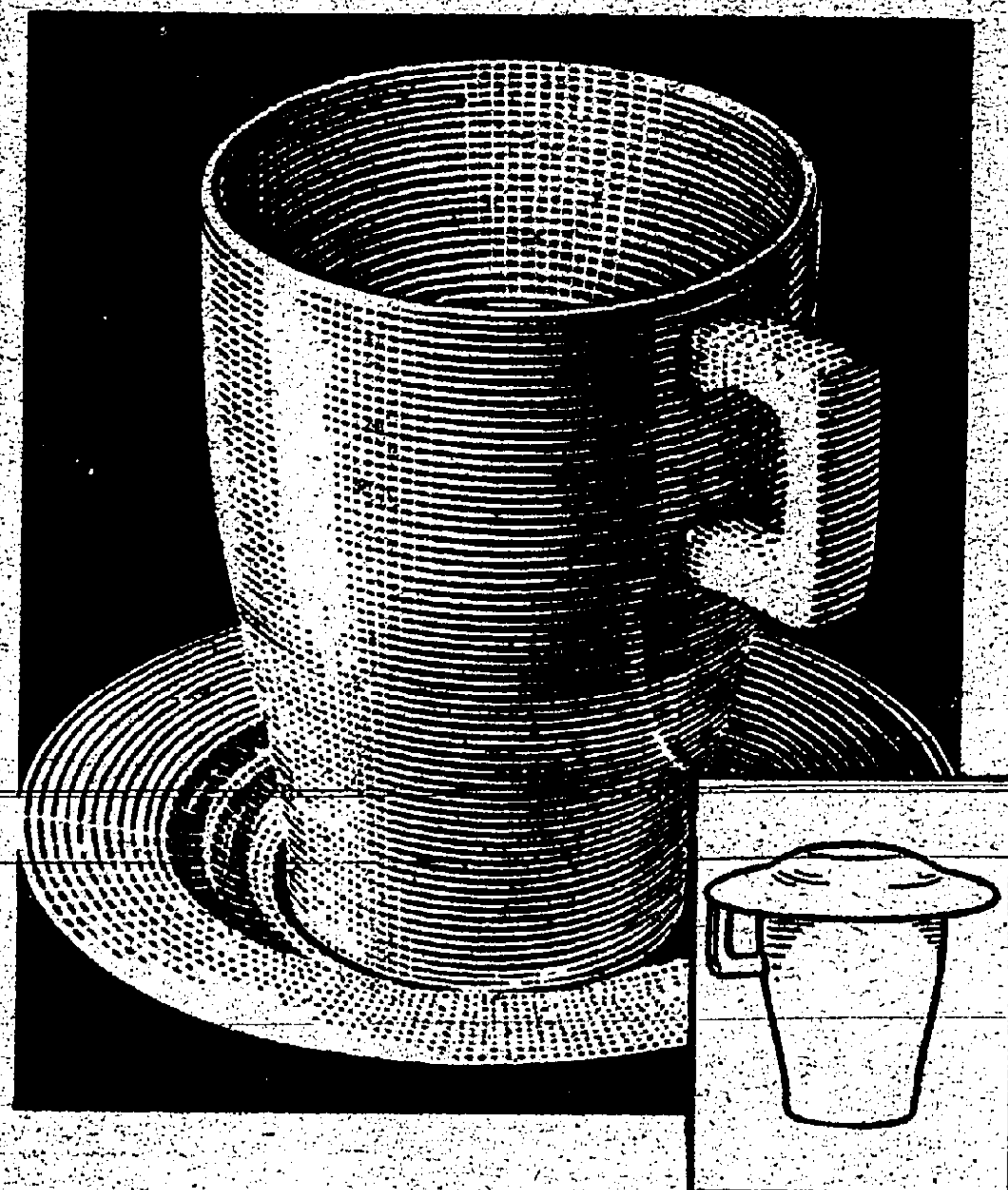
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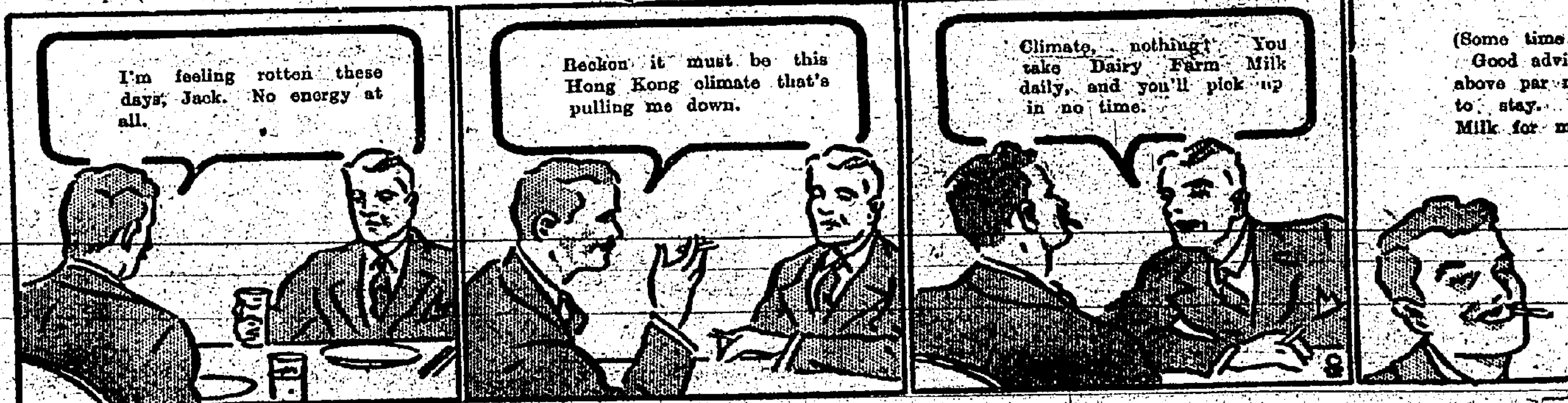
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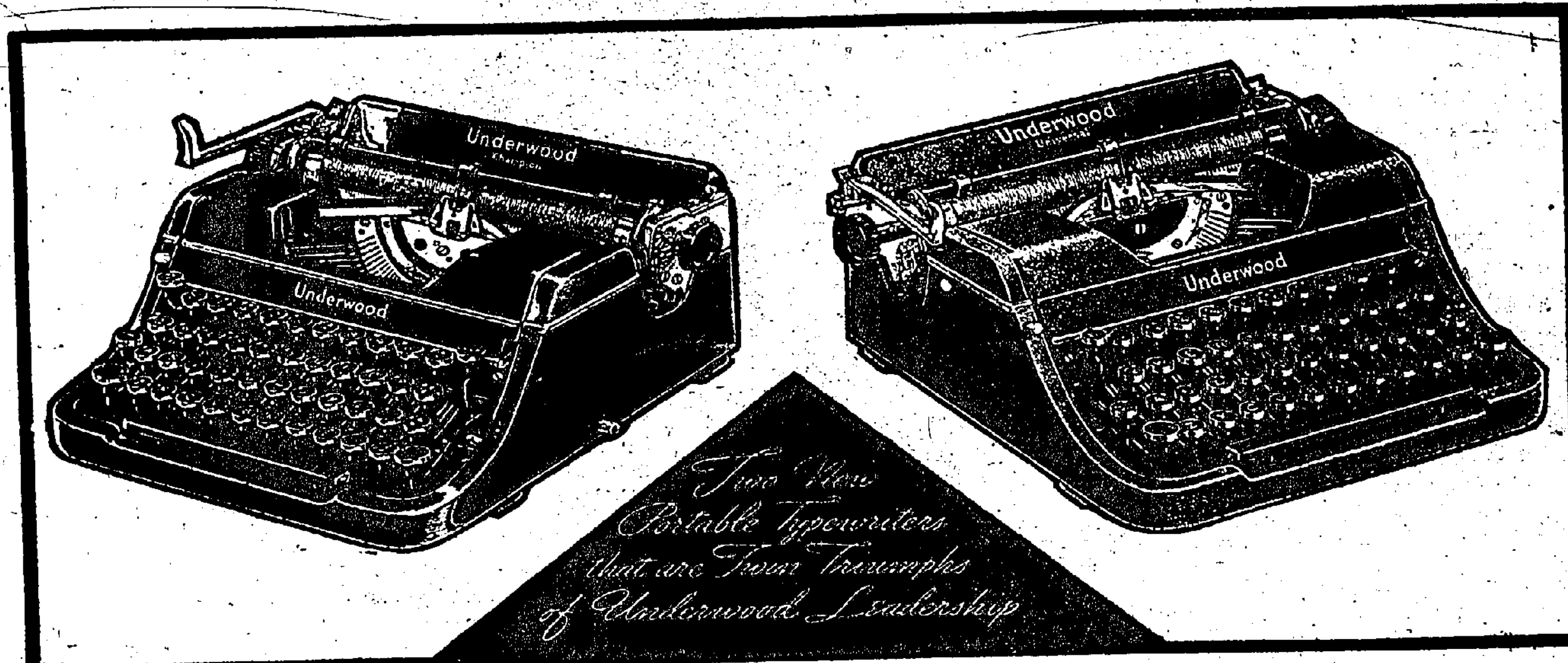
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MR. John Aloysius Green sat up suddenly, put the stub of pencil carefully into his waistcoat pocket, took off his pincenez, and gazed steadfastly at the five or six tomato plants which were his special pride. But this afternoon, contrary to his usual practice, Mr. Green was not mentally comparing the size of the fast ripening tomatoes with those of his neighbour next door.

For Mr. Green had just made a discovery. An amazing discovery. A discovery to which a great deal of thought must at once be devoted.

Mr. Green picked the newspaper up from the ground, and once again took the stub of pencil from his pocket. For about one minute he carefully compared a chequered square in the paper with a similar square on a grubby piece of paper which he had been carrying about with him for a week.

There was no doubt about it. Mr. Green allowed an astonished whistle to escape from the firm mouth beneath the grizzled moustache.

For a further five minutes he remained in silent meditation. He

filled his pipe absent-mindedly, and burned his fingers in lighting it. A dirty looking tabby cat, Mr. Green's implacable enemy, made his stealthy way across the end of the garden and was agreeably surprised to find that the customary missile was not hurled in his direction.

Mr. Green, puffing furiously at his pipe, was too absorbed to notice. For the impossible had happened. His solution of the £2,000 crossword puzzle agreed in every

£2,000! This was going to be his moment. And he'd make the most of it.

He stood up, a little unsteadily, and began to walk slowly down the gravel path. What luck that this happened to be Saturday afternoon, when, with the regularity of a religious rite, his three children came to tea!

He would not tell them at once. Why not let it out casually, as it were, when the first greetings were over, and tea was pursuing

and that will leave three hundred pounds or so for each of you." Mr. Green chuckled as he bent down to remove an unruly tuft of grass which was disfiguring his impeccably kept path.

As he came level with the kitchen window, there was a chorus of shouted greetings. He waved his hand and glanced in anxiously to make quite certain that everyone was present.

George, his youngest son, was fiddling with the wireless set, in search of some dance music. George was an engineer, hot dance music and speed records being his twin leisure obsessions.

He could see Beryl, his only daughter, carrying on an animated conversation with her mother, at the same time making up her face with the aid of a flap-something-or-other. Mr. Green had never quite got hold of the right name.

Oh, yes, of course. Beryl's young man was due this evening; it was Beryl's one complaint that his transfer to a seaside town meant that they could never see each other more often than once a week.

Only Jack, his eldest and married son, was missing.

But Enid, Jack's wife, was somewhere about, for from somewhere upstairs Mr. Green could hear the wailing of his baby grandson. And bending over the teapot he could see the ample figure of Mum, about to pour out

Mr. Green felt a delightful little shiver of anticipation thrill its way down his spine. What would they all be saying in fifteen minutes' time, after he'd told them . . . ?

In Mr. Green's uneventful life, this weekly gathering of those he loved figured as one of its chief delights. As he often told his office colleagues, he was a family man; no gallivanting about for him. Mum, and the children, and his little garden—what more could a man want? Already there was a pink, wriggling little bundle of mischief of a grandson. Presently, he hoped, there would be others, and the weekly gatherings would go on and on . . .

Lately, it is true, he had felt just a little as if the children, George and Beryl, in particular, were growing away from him. But this stroke of luck would be a final bond, a last generous parental gesture. Already he had done everything he could for them, until he felt that he could afford no more. This would be a magnificent surprise, after which he could unashamedly play the passive role of grandfather . . . Almost with a sense of shock he realised that he was due to retire next year.

Mrs. Green looked up as he entered the room. "Come on, Dad!" she smiled. "You're terribly long-winded this afternoon."

At that moment Enid, his daughter-in-law, put in "Yes, Dad is dreamy this afternoon. He actually let a cat trample his seedlings just now without retaliating! I saw it from upstairs. He must have been thinking of that country cottage he's going to retire to next year . . ."

"No, Enid," Mr. Green tried to explain, "As a matter of fact—"

"How's your tomatoes, Dad?" interrupted George, who was still coaxing the radio.

Mr. Green answered absently, hoping that he had quelled the family interests in his desire for

By Russell Heatley

detail with the published solution.

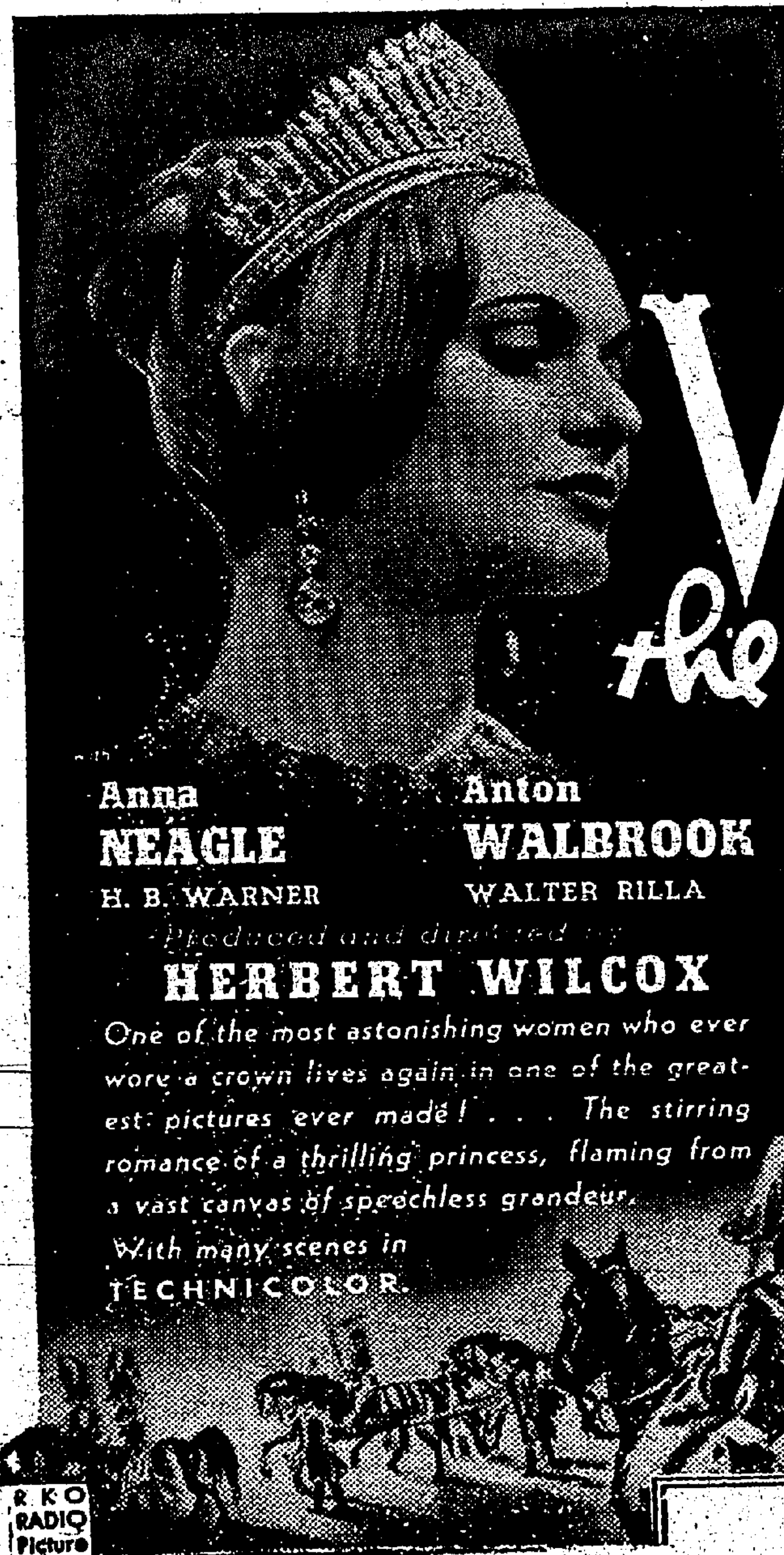
And Mr. Green, tomatoes and marauding cats temporarily forgotten, was trying to adjust his mind to this altogether amazing fact . . .

"Tea's ready, Dad! Aren't you coming in?" His wife's familiar voice issuing from the kitchen window behind him, roused him to a sense of reality. "Coming," he answered mechanically. Was there a subtle trace of his excitement in the voice which he strived to make normal in tone?

its usual quiet course? "Oh, by the way," he'd say, in an offhand way, "I've got my crossword right this week. Probably mean a couple of thousand." There would be an astonished pause, followed by a shower of questions. Then he'd silence them with an airy wave of the hand.

"Of course," he'd go on, "I shan't forget you kids. I've been thinking that Mum and I might hang on to a thousand . . . we're getting on, you know, and my pension won't be very big . . ."

• 9.15 P.M. TO-NIGHT •



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12.30 p.m.—Handel. Overture in D Minor.... Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.
12.36 p.m.—Beethoven Sonata in E Flat Major, Op. 81 a ('Les Adieux')—Arthur Schnabel (Piano).
12.53 p.m.—Songs by Gerhard Husch (Baritone).
Die Ehre Gottes Aus Der Natur (Beethoven).
Die Beiden Grenadiere (Schumann).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Light Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.
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He Hadn't up Till Yesterday (Wright).
Aren't Women Wonderful? (Dha-
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Novelty—
Peter Dawson's Christmas Party.
Introducing Peter Dawson and His Friends.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Record.
7.06 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Mar-

ket Report.
7.10 p.m.—London Relay—'Take Your Choice'.
7.40 p.m.—London Relay—'A Theme and a Song'.
A theme and a Song 'This week: 'Rain' Songs. The Boy, the Girl, and the Trio with Josef Marais and his Band. The programme presented by William MacLurg.
7.50 p.m.—Interlude.
Chopin—Nocturne in C Sharp Minor.
Paganini—La Campanella (Rondo from 'Concerto No. 2 in B minor')—Violin Solo by Natan Milstein.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—George Pearson and his Moana Beach Boys.
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Tom Costello & Chorus with Orch.
8.35 p.m.—New Variety Programme.
9 p.m.—Studio—Sixth of a Series of Amateurs' Experts—'Golf'—by an Enthusiast.
9.15 p.m.—New Variety Programme, cont.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Brahms—Concerto in D Major, Op. 77—Kreisl, violin, and the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
10.27 p.m.—Brahms Songs.
Ever Softer Grows my Slumber.
Lullaby.
Elisabeth Schumann—Soprano.
(a) Elm Sonnet.
(b) Sonntag.
Alexander Kipnis—Bass.
Gerald Moore—Pianoforte.
10.37 p.m.—Military Band Selection.
'Semiramide'—Overture (Rossini).
Crestore's Band.
Woodland Pictures—Rural Suite (P.E. Fletcher). The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.
Royal Cavalcade (Ketelbey).
Coronation Bells—March (Partridge).... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
11 p.m.—Close down.

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TRANSMISSION 1
Frequencies—
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSD 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.59 m.)
GSB 9.51 mc/s (31.55 m.)
G.M.T.
8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. 'Take your Choice'.
8.45 a.m.—'A Theme and a Song'.
'Rain' Songs.
8.55 a.m.—'Green' Fields and Pavements.
9.10 a.m.—The BBC Empire Orchestra.
10.00 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 10.15 a.m.
10.25 a.m.—Close Down.
TRANSMISSION 2
Frequencies—
GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (13.92 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSD 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. 'BBC Ballroom'.
11.10 a.m.—'Take your Choice'.
11.40 a.m.—'A Theme and a Song'.
'Rain' Songs.
11.50 a.m.—'Do we Understand English?'.
12.50 p.m.—Schumann's Quartet in A minor, Op. 41.
12.35 p.m.—Scenes from 'Romeo and Juliet' by William Shakespeare.
1.15 p.m.—'Haunting Harmonies'.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close Down.
TRANSMISSION 3
Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s
1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. The Vario Trio.
2.15 p.m.—The Life of Walter Barnes, Fisherman, of Brixham, Devon.
3.00 p.m.—'Palace of Varieties'.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—The Edinburgh Police Pipe Band.
4.40 p.m.—'World Affairs.' A talk by H. Wickham Steed.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A Double Squeeze

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: I am sending you a hand which I played recently in a duplicate game. It involves a double squeeze. I executed it perfectly without knowing that the squeeze existed until the very end.

"South, dealer.

"Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—Q 8 5
H.—10 2
D.—K Q 8 3
C.—K Q 7 6

WEST

S.—J 6 3
H.—K Q 9 4
D.—J 7
C.—J 9 8 2

EAST

S.—10 9 2
H.—8 7 5 3
D.—10 9 6 5 2
C.—10

SOUTH

S.—A K 7 4
H.—A J 6
D.—A 4
C.—A 5 4 3

"Six no trump was bid at three tables, including mine. Two tables made six no trump, I made seven. When I was asked about it later I said 'O, that was a perfect double squeeze setup,' just as though I were used to making such plays! They had tried the same thing, but played it slightly differently.

"I didn't know that it made so much difference as to the order in which top cards are played, but apparently it does. The opening lead at all tables was the four of hearts. I won with the jack and led to the club king. The club that followed disclosed that the suit would not break. I then ran three rounds of diamonds, discarding a club from my own hand, and followed with four rounds of spades. When I led the seven of spades the hands were as follows:

NORTH

S.—None
H.—10
D.—8
C.—Q 7

WEST

S.—None
H.—K Q
D.—None
C.—J 9

EAST

S.—None
H.—8 7 5
D.—10
C.—None

SOUTH

S.—7
H.—A 6
D.—None
C.—8

"West had to guard clubs and, therefore, threw the heart queen.

Well, that was easy to read, so I threw away dummy's low club. East had to keep the diamond, so let go a low heart. A club to the queen then forced East to throw another heart and the last two tricks were mine with the ace and six of hearts. "At the other tables the play had gone the same except that three rounds of spades had been cashed before three rounds of diamonds. This left exactly the same four cards as above, except that the play now was in dummy instead of in the closed hand. As a result East could not be squeezed. To cash the club queen would merely be given up dummy's last entry, whereas the actual play of the ten of hearts did no good, either. East followed and the ace won. Now the seven of spades was valuable only for an actual trick, not for squeezing purposes. West let go a heart and so did East, since he still could hold the eight of hearts and ten of diamonds. After that dummy's club queen was the only trick declarer could make.

"Yours very truly,

"W. W. A., Portsmouth, R. I."

I am afraid this hand will be slightly involved for many readers, but the description is clear and should point out how one order of play works and the other fails. After West is discovered to hold the club stopper three diamonds should be run before the spade break is investigated. Presumably East will be found with the diamond stopper. That being so, the crux is that at the tenth trick declarer must be in his own hand in order to lead the card that begins the squeeze, namely, the fourth spade. Otherwise declarer's one entry, the heart ace, is removed before the double squeeze really begins to operate.

My correspondent's modesty is to be commended, but he either consciously or unconsciously played the hand very well.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: Is two hearts the correct opening bid on the following?
S.—A Q 7 6 H.—A K Q 10 5
D.—A Q 8 C.—9

Answer: One heart is the correct opening. There are more losing tricks than honour tricks in the hand.

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**POLICE DOGS
TO HUNT FOR
BRITON'S
MURDERERS**

Jerusalem, To-day.

Police dogs were taken at dawn yesterday to the scene of the murder of Mr. J. L. Starkey, the British archaeologist who was killed by an armed Arab gang in a highway hold-up near Hebron.

The animals promptly took the trail towards the hills west of Hebron, and are now believed to be in hot pursuit of the murderers. Large detachments of police continue to scour the area after a night long search.

His assailants ordered the rest of his party, consisting of an Arab chauffeur and an Arab lackey, to continue their journey. This is the statement made by Starkey's chauffeur to the authorities at Hebron.

NATIONALITY DEMANDED

He says that the ambush took place just before they reached Hebron. The car was halted and a man who appeared to be the leader of the ambushing party came forward and demanded of Starkey his nationality. When Starkey replied that he was a Britisher, he was dragged out of the car and plugged with several bullets. He collapsed on the road with blood streaming from his wounds.

Starkey's two Arab servants were told to get back into the car, and the chauffeur was ordered to drive off.

Upon reaching Hebron, the chauffeur reported the incident to the authorities.—Trans-Ocean and Reuter.

MURDERERS AT LARGE

Jerusalem, To-day.

The murderers of Mr. Starkey had not been apprehended late last night, though reinforced police detachments as well as troops have been carrying out a rigorous search.

Mr. Starkey's remains were brought to Jerusalem yesterday and will be buried on Zion Hill.—Trans-Ocean.

**Sir Robert
Vansittart
Bereaved**

London, To-day.

Sir Robert Vansittart, Chief Diplomatic Adviser, who has been on holiday on the Riviera, arrived back in London last night following the death on Saturday of his father, Mr. R. A. Vansittart.—British Wireless.

Suffering from injuries received during a fight with passenger on the s.s. Kwang Tung between Canton and Hong Kong, Chan Pan, aged 25, was yesterday admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

**SOVIET MINISTER
REQUESTS HIS
RECALL**

Bucharest, To-day.

Owing to the anti-Soviet policy of the new Rumanian Government, the Soviet's first and only Minister in Bucharest has requested the Soviet authorities to recall him as "his presence in Rumania no longer has any meaning."—Reuter.

**INSURGENT
CLAIMS ON
TERUEL FRONT**

Salamanca, To-day.

The right wing of the insurgent forces evacuated from Villastar, about seven kilometres from Teruel, on Monday, according to a Nationalist Spanish report which states that the troops crossed the River Turia and are advancing at present on Valdecebro.

Sanguinary street fighting occurred on Monday, particularly near the Plaza del Torica and in the streets leading to this public square.

Rebel defenders constantly harass the enemy, who are continually pouring fresh reinforcements into the city. Republican losses are heavy.—Trans-Ocean.

ATTACKS REPULSED

Salamanca, To-day.

Fighting on the Teruel front continued throughout yesterday, according to a Nationalist Spanish bulletin.

Several Republican attacks near the railway and in the south of the Teruel hills last night were repulsed. It is reported that the Republicans lost 100 men in both actions.

A Republican attack on hill 1,076 also broke down in face of Nationalist machine-gun fire.—Trans-Ocean.

**FIVE JAPANESE
PLANES DOWNED
IN KWANGSI**

Kweilin, To-day.

Eleven Japanese planes attacked Kwangsi, via Pakhoi, yesterday with Nanning and Liuchow as their objectives. They were challenged by Chinese planes, dropped several bombs without scoring any hit on military objectives and hastily made off.

Later, they flew toward Liuchow in two groups via Pinyang and Wusuen. They were again attacked by Chinese planes. A dogged air combat ensued resulting in two of the invading planes being brought down, one falling in the river. One Japanese pilot was taken prisoner. Five Japanese planes have been brought down in Kwangsi in the past few days.—Hua Nan.

Pakhoi, To-day.

Six private houses were destroyed and thirteen civilian casualties were caused here as a result of Japanese air attack yesterday.—Hua Nan.

NETHERLANDS WAITS ANXIOUSLY: PRINCESS'S ACCOUCHEMENT OVERDUE

Baarn (The Netherlands), To-day.

Interest in the forthcoming birth of a child to Princess Juliana is especially noticeable in the tiny village of Baarn, to which the Sosstrijk Palace, where Princess Juliana is expecting the happy event, belongs.

Dutch and foreign journalists and press photographers have assembled in the biggest hotel in Baarn, and are getting somewhat nervous as the birth is overdue.

A lieutenant of the Netherlands Army is on duty in a hotel room to wait for the great news which he will transmit to the nation in the quickest way.

Text of the first short announcement has already been drafted and will be readjusted according as to whether the child is a boy or a girl.

TICKER MACHINE

As a precaution, two candles are placed beside the ticker machine in the lieutenant's room in case the electric light should fail.

Queen Wilhelmina, with the great part of her household, has settled down at the Palace, while Prince Bernhard is occasionally seen walking through the park or going for a drive through the village, which is decorated with banners and garlands. — Trans-Ocean.

REFUGEE CENTRES TO BE CLOSED

The Shanghai Refugees Committee has now completed its work. All refugees who wished to return to Shanghai have gone and the Centres will shortly be closed. The Chairman requests that all who have claims against the Committee will forward them at once to the Office — Exchange Building, 2nd Floor — in order that the accounts may be closed as soon as possible.

GUARJUA "MUTINY" RUMOURS

Paris, To-day.

The fact that 18 members of the crew of the French steamer "Guarjua," which ran onto the rocks near Almeria a few days ago were wounded, has given rise to rumours of a mutiny on board, says "Le Jour."

The papers say that a veil of mystery surrounds the affair and will not be lifted until the men arrive back in France. — Trans-Ocean.

CAIRO CABINET CUTS SALARIES

Cairo, To-day.

Members of the Egyptian Cabinet have voluntarily reduced their salaries by 10 per cent. — Reuter.

Mr. J. B. Montargis informs the "China Mail" that the announcement that his lectures at the University on Saturday next and Thursday, January 20, had been cancelled, is incorrect and that the lectures will be given as originally arranged.

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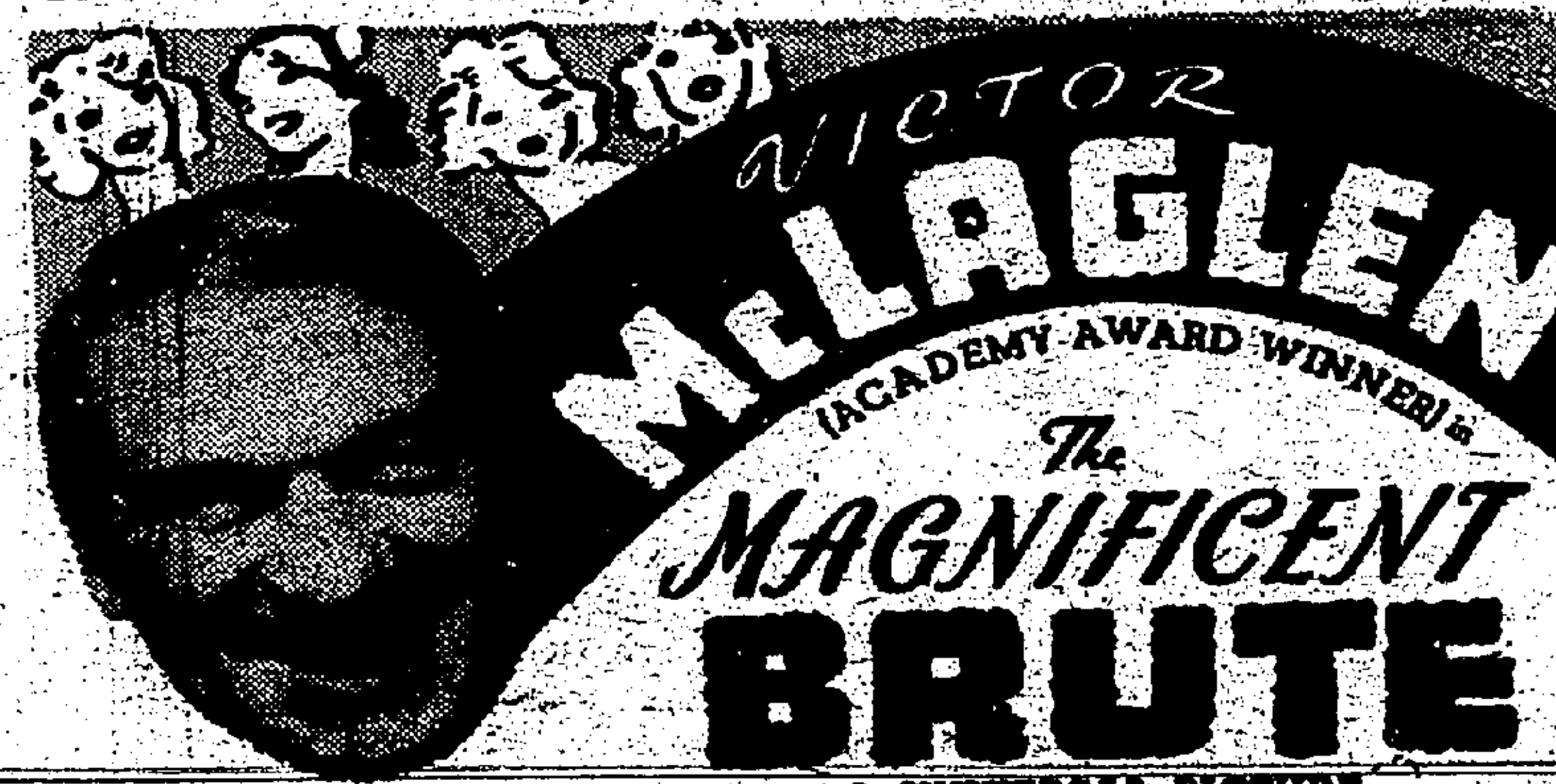
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BRITAIN GAINS REPRIEVE

Salamanca, To-day.

Through the intervention of the British Agent in Salamanca, Sir Robert Hodgson, the Franco authorities have given assurances that prisoners held by them and condemned to execution will be reprieved.

Negotiations for exchange of prisoners are said to have been successful, though several points remain to be cleared up.—Trans-Ocean.

ADMIRAL HORTHY VISITING POLAND

Budapest, To-day.

The Regent of Hungary, Admiral Horthy, has been invited by the President of Poland to pay an official visit to Poland at the beginning of February.

The Polish President will receive Admiral Horthy officially at Cracow.—Trans-Ocean.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UTMOST EUROPEAN IMPORTANCE EXPECTED TO-NIGHT

Rome, To-day.

An announcement of an "event of the utmost European significance" may be expected when the final communique is issued to-night at the conclusion of the conference of the Rome Protocol powers — Italy, Hungary and Austria.

The communique will be issued at 8 o'clock this evening, says Signor Gayda, Signor Mussolini's mouthpiece, writing in "Giornale d'Italia."

Signor Gayda speaks of a "happy ending" to the negotiations, and adds that complete and fundamental agreement has been reached on all questions examined by the conference.

The actual technical conversations were concluded yesterday, all three countries being in complete accord.

HUNGARY'S RELATIONS

Perhaps the principle problem considered was Hungary's relations to the Little Entente countries — Czecho-Slovakia Yugo-Slavia and Rumania.

Hungarian relations with Rumania have been strained for years, and the change in the Budapest regime has not lessened the tension, but it is believed that Italy, to whom the new Rumanian Government is very friendly, will use her influence to prevail upon Hungary and Rumania to come to an agreement.

Another event believed to have been decided upon by the conference is impending recognition of the Franco authorities by Hungary and Austria.—Trans-Ocean.

A quantity of flower bulbs, valued at \$25, have been reported stolen from the garden of Miss Buntzen, of No. 278 Ma Tau-wei Road.

24-YEAR TEST FOR RUMANIAN RESIDENTS

Bucharest, To-day.

Verification of the status of Rumanian citizens will apply to the period back to 1913.

In those territories which formerly belonged to the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, civil rights will only be accorded to those persons who were already resident there in 1913.

In justification of this procedure, the new Premier's own newspaper says that both during and after the Great War, many persons emigrated to Transylvania from Hungary and other territories belonging to the Central Powers, and falsified their identification papers so as to prove that they had always lived in the region where, actually, they had only recently taken up residence.—Trans-Ocean.



A study in black and white when two members of the feline world get together to have a "tiddley" of milk. This is 1937, so the modern puss completes the picture with the aid of two atraws. (Fox Copyright).

MORE ARMY PROMOTIONS OVER HEADS OF SENIORS

"Recognition Of Peculiar Fitness For The Post"

YOUNGEST GENERAL IN BRITISH ARMY

London, To-day.

In pursuance of the principle that army officers will receive appointments solely in recognition of their peculiar fitness for the post, instead of by seniority and good record, several colonels, most of them temporary brigadiers, have been appointed to new posts.

Major-General H. R. L. G. Alexander becomes commander of the First Division.

Colonel D. G. Johnson, becomes commander of the Fourth Division, Colonel B. C. T. Paget, becomes Commandant of the Staff College at Camberley.

Colonel H. R. Pownall becomes Director of Military Operations, Colonel T. R. Eastwood becomes Commandant of Sandhurst, and Colonel P. Neame becomes Commandant of Woolwich.

All the above officers (except Major-General Alexander) are granted temporary rank of Major-General.

Major-General W. D. S. Brownrigg and Colonel Sir Ronald Adam are granted local rank of Lieutenant-General.

NOT BAR TO SENIORS

It is stated that although several of the newly appointed officers rank low from the viewpoint of age, their promotion is not intended finally to block their seniors' hopes of advancement.

The establishment of Major-Generals is filled up temporarily, but officers passed over may again be considered for posts when they fall vacant three years hence.

Major-General Alexander is the youngest Major-General in the army.—Reuter.

Major-General Alexander, who was appointed A.D.C. to the King in 1936, is only 46 years of age, and until his new appointment had held the post of Commander, Nowshera Brigade, Northern Command, India, since 1934, prior to which he was G.S.O.1 in the Northern Command.

CONSEQUENCE OF EARLIER CHANGES

The King has approved of the local rank of Lieutenant General being conferred upon Major General W. D. S. Brownrigg, Military Secretary to the Secretary for war and Major General Sir Ronald F. Adam, Deputy Chief of Imperial General Staff.

Major General R. H. Haining will also be granted the local rank of Lieutenant General from the date of assuming his appointment as General Officer Commanding, British Forces in Palestine and Trans Jordan.

His Majesty has further approved the following appointments, consequential upon changes in the higher posts of the Army recently announced.

Major General the Honourable H.R.L. Alexander to be Commander of the First Division, succeeding Lieutenant General C. C. Armitage, appointed Master General of Ordnance in India.

Colonel (temporary Brigadier) D.

G. Johnson to be Commander of the Fourth Division, with the temporary rank of Major General, succeeding Lieutenant General C. G. Liddell, appointed Adjutant General to the Forces.

STAFF COLLEGES

Colonel (temporary Brigadier) B. C. T. Paget to be Staff Commandant, Staff College, Camberley, with the temporary rank of Major General, succeeding Lieutenant General Sir Ronald F. Adam.

Colonel (temporary Brigadier) S. R. Pownall to be Director of Military Operations and Intelligence, War Office, with the temporary rank of Major General, succeeding Major General R. H. Haining.

Colonel T. R. Eastwood to be Commandant, Royal Military College, Sandhurst, with the temporary rank of Major General, in place of Lieutenant General W. D. S. Brownrigg, who was originally selected for this appointment but has now been appointed Military Secretary to the Secretary for War.

Colonel (temporary Brigadier) P. Neame, to be Commandant, Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, with the temporary rank of Major General, succeeding Major General A. A. Goschen.—British Wireless.

MORE EXPERTS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF VOLUNTEERS

London, To-day.

The chairman's sub-committee of the non-intervention committee has decided to spend £5,000 on study of administrative problems requiring solution when the international committee finally adopts the Spanish volunteer withdrawal plan.

It was reported that specialists had been engaged to advise in regard to the problem of victualling and supply of stores, also a chief medical officer to advise on medical problems involved in application of the withdrawal scheme.—Reuter.

M. MICESCU IN BELGRADE

Belgrade, To-day.

The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Micescu, arrived here yesterday from Prague, where he had had long political talks with Czechoslovakian statesmen.

The Jugo-Slav Premier welcomed



Competing in the Amateur Skating Championships at Wembley Pool next month, Miss Pat Sheridan, a 15 year old London girl, is practising every day the various figures to be worked on the ice during the competition. Photo shows—Miss Pat Sheridan displaying a remarkable feat in the figure 8 which she traversed nearly 100 times, retaining all her skate marks within a few inches. (Fox Copyright).

BRITISH DESTROYER'S ESCAPE

London, To-day.

H.M.S. Guardian, (2,860 tons) the biggest destroyer-netlayer in the world, was holed above the waterline when she collided with a wharf at Plymouth in a sudden squall yesterday.

The destroyer narrowly missed by a foot a tanker discharging hundreds of tons of petrol.—Reuter.

the Rumanian guest at the station.—Trans-Ocean.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS IN SPAIN

London, To-day.

Success has attended negotiations in which the International Red Cross and British officials participated for exchange of prisoners on both sides in Spain.

It has been agreed in principle that prisoners will be exchanged in batches of twenty-five.

Anxiety on the Government side over the fate of many prisoners on Franco's side under death sentence is allayed by an assurance by the British Agent at Salamanca that there is no immediate danger of the sentences being carried out.—Reuter.

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

WHAT will be the outcome of the present crisis in the British film trade? Undoubtedly there is a possibility that the whole of this great industry in England may be brought under government control. This was more than suggested a few weeks ago when Dr. Leslie Burgin, parliamentary secretary to the Board of Trade, speaking to those interested in the commercial side of the cinema, said significantly, "Take the hint—reorganise yourselves before you are reorganised from without."

One thing is certain—if government interference on a large scale is to be avoided, the British film industry will have rapidly to become much more prosperous than it is to-day, for as a commercial proposition it is at the moment in a very precarious condition indeed. And from this there follows an inescapable corollary—the average quality of English pictures needs drastic improvement.

The present crisis in British films is considerably more serious than either of its predecessors. The first of these came just after the World War started. Before 1914, English films were rapidly building up for themselves a position of power and

authority. The war completely shattered the nascent industry, and caused a situation in which neutral America had merely to walk in and carry off the prize. Then, again, after long and bitter struggles, when the British industry had once more succeeded in establishing itself, the introduction of talkies

has been for a score of years. The technical rules of picture making are still what they were half a decade ago. Nevertheless, a crisis in British films has once again come into being. It is the first that cannot be ascribed to outside causes. Fundamentally, it is the result of the simple fact that, in an open market,

By Harold Hobson

(in the "Christian Science Monitor")

blew its economic foundations into the skies.

The passing of the so-called Quota Act at this juncture provided English pictures with a small but certain market in Britain itself, and under cover of this protection, the industry began to expand for the third time. Since then, no external untoward event has occurred. The general condition of British industry is more prosperous than it

ket, the majority of British films cannot compete with the generality of their American rivals. I say "majority" advisedly. For certain British pictures are as good as any commercial film in the world.

In these circumstances, it might be profitable to inquire what is the fundamental quality that American films have and which British pictures usually lack. The film industry throughout its career has been hindered by the want of serious criticism. Its technical marvels, its wealth, its scenic splendors have blinded the eyes of commentators to its imaginative poverty, with the result that, standards being low, it is still, artistically speaking, in a state of childhood. I do not wish to repeat that old mistake here by suggesting that American films, as a whole, can, judged by the criteria of any other art, be considered good. They are not. But in one respect—a vital respect, too—they are better than British films.

The position may perhaps best be expressed by pointing out that American films are "provincial," and English films "suburban." The artistic implications of those terms have wandered so far from their geographical significance that dwellers both in the suburbs and in the provinces can employ them without embarrassment. "Suburban," used in this sense, suggests a certain refinement, a meticulous avoidance of the appearance of vulgarity, a careful and snobbish insistence on good taste which, because it is entirely negative, and does not flow from any positive quality, is the very antithesis of artistic vigor. The majority—there are notable exceptions to the rule—of British films fall into this classification.

They are painfully anxious not to be ill-bred; they do not wound or shock the susceptibilities; in fact, they do not do anything at all. They make no impression of vulgarity. The only impression they make is one of insipidity.

Now, American pictures are not the least bit like that. Their raucous voices shriek and scream vulgarity. Their humour is often crude, and their sentiment such as to make the cheeks hot. Their artistic bad taste is frequently incredible. At the end of that ambitious film, "Lloyds of London," the solemn notes of Handel's Dead March are immediately followed by the jaunty air of "Rule, Britannia." The way in which the hero, Jonathan Blake, talks about his duty to England makes any educated audience wriggle with embarrassment. An English film would have avoided both

these mistakes. But it is to be feared that it would also have missed that magnificent "cut" from the shot which Lord Stacey fires at Blake to the deck of the Victory at Trafalgar, when Nelson is hit by a French marksman. This is a stirring transition. It makes the heart race. And it is typical of American films, which, in spite of innumerable defects, are alive in a sense in which English films rarely are. If they are "provincial" in being frequently unacquainted with the standards of art, they are "provincial" also in teeming with life, energy, and vigor. Therefore, they prosper, and deserve to prosper. They have the bad taste of Dickens, and his enormous vitality. They are positive, not negative, in outlook. That is the lesson they have to teach to British films.

PALAZZO DORIA FOR HITLER

Rome, To-day.

The most magnificent of all Rome's palaces and one of the outstanding rococo edifices in the world, the Palazzo Doria, will be the residence of Herr Hitler during his visit to Rome in the Spring, says "Giornale d'Italia."

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The Palace, which is located on the Corso Umberto, close to the Palazzo Venezia, was designed in the first half of the 17th Century by three of the most famous architects of the period.—Trans-Ocean.

GOLD EXPORTS TO FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

Gold to the value of \$89,000,000 was transferred from France to the United States in 1936, says the newspaper "l'Intransigeant."

The paper says that this movement continued, although on a lesser scale, during the first nine months of 1937, when \$38,000,000 were transferred.

The movement was reversed subsequently, and between November 10, 1937, and January 10, 1938, gold estimated at \$45,000,000, was exported from the United States to France.

This figure includes \$5,000,000 worth of gold on board the French liner "Champlain," which left New York a week ago.—Trans-Ocean.

MA KUANG-HUN IN PEIPING

Peiping, To-day.

It is announced that the Chinese Mohammedan leader, Ma Kuang-hun, has arrived in Peiping to negotiate with the "provisional government."—Trans-Ocean.

THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

IN the case of a mysterious disappearance of a Whitehall official, anxiety was first felt when it was discovered that his office had not been slept in.

Asked what verb, sap, meant, a bright schoolboy replied "The word of an idiot."

A lighted firework was thrown on to the field during a football match at an English university. The referee sternly ordered it to go off.

The philosophy of to-day seems to be:—To speed is human, to be caught, a fine.

Smuggling

Returning from France, a man accepted a wager that he could not

smuggle a dozen bottles of Burgundy through the English Customs. In due course he arrived at the Customs with a large hamper. This he begged the official not to compel him to open, since it contained a very rare wild cat which might escape. The official was not deceived by the story, and made him open the hamper, whereupon a large cat jumped out and disappeared in the crowd. The man dashed off to recapture the animal, looking for it everywhere, even back on board the boat. A little later he appeared at the Customs again, very out of breath and firmly holding down the lid of the hamper. The official, apologising profusely, let him pass without question, and through the Customs went the dozen of Burgundy which had, oddly enough, been substituted for the aforementioned cat.



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COMPULSORY SERVICE TO BE EXTENDED IN JAPANESE ARMY

Military System For Youth Schools Also Planned

YEAR AND HALF NOT SUFFICIENT

Tokyo, To-day.

A plan for lengthening the period of military service to two years, and for introducing a compulsory military system for youth schools, was approved by the Cabinet before whom the measures were brought yesterday by Marquis Koichi Kido, Minister of Education, and General Sugiyama, the War Minister.

A bill providing for the extension of military service in all branches of the infantry will be again submitted upon the re-opening of the Diet on January 22.

The two-year conscription system was decided upon because the year and a half period, which at present is the custom, is now considered not sufficient for training under modern conditions.

Branches other than the infantry already have a two-year period of service.

Those who entered the infantry on or after December, 1937, must therefore remain in the army for two years, according to the revised regulations, whether or not they have finished the regular courses in youth schools. — Reuter.

NETHERLANDS AND CONQUEST OF ABYSSINIA

The Hague, To-day.

The Netherlands Government is willing to recognise the undeniable fact that Abyssinia stands under the sovereignty of Italy, declared the Netherlands Foreign Minister answering a question in the First Chamber yesterday.

The Minister added that recognition of this fact did not imply that the course of events leading up to this situation was approved of, and for this reason the Netherlands Government was in no way compelled to alter its original position as regards the Abyssinian question in order to arrive at its present attitude.

On the contrary, the Government was of the opinion that the deal of the League of Nations should be supported and upheld so far as possible.

REGULARISING RELATIONS

Commenting in this connection on the Netherlands appeal to the Oslo Convention states, the Minister explained that the intention was to achieve through co-operation with these Powers, agreement on steps to be taken with the French and British Governments to bring about regularisation of relations between Italy and other European countries.

He emphasised that in taking this step the Government did not in any way change its foreign policy. — Trans-Ocean.

ROYALIST DISTURBANCES IN AUSTRIA

Vienna, To-day.

The "major propaganda day," organised by the Austrian Legitimists yesterday, ended with the usual disorders, broken heads and arrests.

No less than fifty large demonstrations were planned for different towns in Austria, and nine of them in Vienna alone.

Since anti-Legitimist circles had made no attempt to conceal their intentions of interfering with the demonstrations, unusually strong police reserves were called out to preserve order, and, in view of serious rioting which took place in Linz on the occasion of the birthday celebrations of Otto von Hapsburg, all demonstrations in that city were strictly forbidden.

FREE-FOR-ALL

Most exciting demonstration in Vienna was one in District Three, where too outspoken remarks by a Monarchist speaker were greeted by jeers from the audience, after which Hapsburg supporters on the stage threw their chairs at the crowd.

This gave the signal for a free-for-all, which ended with the intervention of police and numerous arrests.

It is declared that between 80 and 100 arrests were made all over Vienna alone for disturbing the peace during demonstrations. — Trans-Ocean.

HORE-BELISHA OFF TO IRELAND

London, To-day.

The War Secretary, Mr. Hore-Belisha, is flying to-day to Northern Ireland on a visit of inspection to the Northern Ireland Military District. This will be the first visit of a War Secretary for the purpose of inspection in the territory of Northern Ireland for fifteen years. — British Wireless.

PORTUGUESE WARSHIPS FOR FAR EAST

Lisbon, To-day.
The sloops "Republica" and "Gonsalo Zarco" are leaving to-day on a long service cruise to the Portuguese Eastern colonies. — Reuter.

MOSLEY ACTIVE IN PALESTINE AGAINST JEWS

London, To-day.

British Fascists have extended their anti-Jewish propaganda to Palestine, according to a message from Jerusalem to the "News Chronicle."

Every mail, says the report, is pouring into Palestine thousands of leaflets and posters got out by Sir Oswald Mosley's organisation and designed, it is alleged, to baulk the British Government's attempt to reach a solution of the Palestine problem. — Trans-Ocean.

M. HERRIOT RE-ELECTED

Paris, To-day.

M. Edouard Herriot was re-elected president of the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, receiving a total of 418 votes.

The election lasted one and a half hours, each deputy announcing his vote individually.

M. Herriot, who was not opposed, received 36 more votes this year than last, when the ballot in his favour was 382. — Trans-Ocean.

PARIS BOMB OUTRAGE CONFESSION

Paris, To-day.

One of the principal perpetrators of the Paris bomb outrage of September 11, last, has been arrested in Clermont-Ferrand, where he is at present undergoing trial, it was announced by police here late last night.

Accused is a 27 year-old chemist and a reserve officer by the name of Locuty, and has worked in a big motor tyre factory near Clermont-Ferrand.

ACCOMPLICE ESCAPES

He has admitted that he committed the outrage single-handed on the Paris Headquarters of the French Employers' Federation at the instigation of a secret committee of "Revolutionary Action."

His accomplice, Macon, who committed a bomb outrage at the same time in another house in the same Paris suburb, fled with his wife to Spain, apparently being ordered to leave the country by the secret committee who feared he would talk and compromise them.

Macon was janitor in a house here, in the cellars of which the police found a considerable number of arms during the inquiries against the secret committee. — Trans-Ocean.

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U. S. IN THE
FAR EAST

Mr. Cordell Hull's letter to the Vice-President was so cryptic in its observations as to give rise to considerable speculation. The primary interest of the United States Government in the Far East, he wrote, was maintenance of "orderly processes in international relationship," adding that this transcends in importance the value of American trade interests or American investments in China. "It transcends even the question of the safeguarding of the immediate welfare of American citizens in China."

Taken in conjunction with rumours from Shanghai, suggesting the possibility of the withdrawal of American marines from the International Settlement; it is apparently a reply and a denial to such a decision for it is difficult to fathom the purpose of any policy of abandonment of Shanghai as a contribution to the maintenance of orderly processes. In fact, Mr. Cordell Hull's letter might be quoted as a challenge to those who argue that the Far East policy of the United States should be governed not by ethical considerations but by the fact of her greater trade with Japan than with China.

It is obviously impossible for the United States to afford literal physical protection to American citizens who are in actual or potential war zones. Even in Shanghai the presence of the marines, while it offers a guarantee of safety against uncontrolled mob violence and looting, cannot avert the risk of casualties from stray shells or misdirected bombs. And while the United States Government in all cases where responsibility can be clearly indicated will doubtless file protests and damage claims for loss of American lives or destruction of property, public in the art and aims of the drama,

opinion in America is distinctly unfavourable to involvement in war as a result of accidents which may befall Americans in war-torn foreign countries.

At the same time Americans have never taken kindly to excessive bureaucratic control. The American Government has no legal right to order all Americans to leave China. Missionaries who are in a position to carry on relief work in many cases feel under a special moral obligation not to leave. Businessmen are naturally reluctant to abandon properties and interests built up over long periods.

A compromise between the impracticable idea of assuring all Americans in China full protection and the equally impracticable scheme of ordering them all out of the country may well be found in wide acceptance of the idea that Americans in China cannot remain without risk to themselves. Such a policy, combined with a wider understanding of what this risk actually involves, should eliminate individuals with no urgent reasons for remaining in that country. Those who have such reasons, on the other hand, might well be spared any special official pressure to leave.

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The Miniature Stage

The British Puppet and Model Theatre Guild has just held its twelfth annual exhibition in London. The growth of the Guild, and of the movement generally in the British Isles, has been rapid in the last dozen years; and all over the country now the little men of the miniature stage are having busy days.

It has long been recognised that good drama, like good government, flourishes best where it has the understanding and co-operation of the people; and that a drama divorced from the populace has been denuded of its taproot. Again, from the educational point of view, the drama has the quality of mercy in that it is twice blessed;

It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes. The practice of it is, therefore, being encouraged in schools, colleges, and clubs, and in social centres everywhere.

In some of the smaller schools, however, and in the more isolated communities, problems are encountered, connected with expense, and space, and the personnel, and mechanical adjuncts, required, that prove difficult of solution; and in these cases the model theatre is especially valuable as a substitute for the theatre proper. Without raising any of these problems, puppets and marionettes can be made the interpreters of a significant, imaginative, and comprehensive drama. In addition they have the advantage of providing more scope for craftwork.

The puppet has in his time (leaving China out of consideration for a moment) played many parts. He has been the mouth-piece of political and social satire, has voiced the anger of the oppressed, laughed at the pretensions of overweening authority, and given pointed utterance to the good sense of the commonalty. Now, though he shows no signs of evolving into that Über-marionette that Mr. Gordon Craig demanded, he is performing one of the most useful roles of his career in encouraging many people to take a practical interest in the art and aims of the drama.

AMERICA URGED TO STAND FIRM ON RIGHTS

Daily Communications From Nationals In China

HONG KONG'S DIFFICULT POSITION

London, To-day.

The fact that yesterday's meeting of the Japanese Imperial Headquarters with the Emperor was the first such council to be held since 1914, is regarded as an ill omen by most of the newspapers, which regard it as certain that a decision was taken to declare war on China.

Hong Kong's position is commented upon extensively, and the papers agree that the Colony will be in a very difficult situation in the case of Japanese declaration of war on China.—Trans-Ocean.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK NEAR OSAKA

Osaka, To-day.

An earthquake of considerable severity was experienced in Western Japan at 12 minutes past midnight. The shocks lasted twenty minutes, shook houses and awakened sleepers. Many rushed out into the street.

Epicentre of the quake was 70 miles south-west of Osaka, and the maximum amplitude 25 millimetres.

No casualties hitherto have been reported.—Reuter.

REGISTERED IN H.K.

The shock was registered in Hong Kong as one of "moderate intensity" at 1 hr. 16 m. 50 secs. local time this morning, which is approximately equivalent to the Japanese time given.

Although Kowloon residents are reported to have felt an earthquake shock yesterday morning, no register of any disturbance was found on the Observatory instruments.

JAPANESE TO BE COMPULSORY IN PEIPING SCHOOLS

With rigid censorship on all mail leaving Peiping, a local resident has received an interesting communication from the north which shows some of the measures the Japanese have taken since their occupation.

Extracts from the letter state that "Yesterday the community presented a gala aspect. Little shops, business houses and residences hoisted the five-coloured flag of the Chinese republic. This is the beginning of a new regime!"

The correspondent is a teacher in a mission school there and adds that "this term the classes have to begin the study of Japanese twice a week. It is likely that, beginning from February, the Japanese language will be a required course and English will be elective."

France Will Take New Steps In Event Of Blockade

Washington, To-day.

The State Department is receiving almost daily communications from anxious Americans in various parts of China urging the United States Government to stand firm on its rights in China.

Officials indicate that the Government is continuing to watch the Shanghai situation.

THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT THE OFFICIAL VIEW REGARDING JAPANESE CLAIMS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT IS NOT YET CLARIFIED HERE.—REUTER.

FRENCH CABINET DISCUSSION

Paris, To-day.

France must continue to keep in close touch with Great Britain. That is the view held by several Ministers who expressed their concern over the developments in the Far East when the situation was discussed at the Cabinet Council yesterday.

In the event of Japan declaring war and starting a blockade of the China coast, the Cabinet Council, it is understood, will take additional measures to protect French interests in the Far East.

Those departments of the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Colonies directly concerned are stated to be studying the situation very closely.—Trans-Ocean.

TRIAL OF WAR PRISONERS

Paris, To-day.

The former commander-in-chief of the Spanish Nationalist troops at Teruel, Col. Rey and his successor, Col. Barba, as well as other Nationalist officers who, as previously reported have been made prisoners by the Republicans, will appear before a special court at Barcelona, according to despatches here to-day.—Trans-Ocean.

BAPTIST MISSION BOMBED

Tsingtao, To-day.

The Baptist Mission at Tsining was bombed on Monday by Japanese aircraft and the Chinese watchman was killed, according to a report received from Miss Gertrude Smith, a member of the mission staff, who stated that there were no American casualties.—Reuter.

Mrs. Moss of "Saltash," King's Park, has reported that yesterday somewhere between the United Services Recreation Club and her home, she lost her handbag containing money and other articles to the value of \$46.

TSINGTAO CALM AND QUIET

Tsingtao, To-day.

The volunteer police guards at the waterworks were withdrawn yesterday.

In the meantime, Japanese officers have taken a tour of the ruins of the Japanese mills accompanied by the special police, to inspect the full extent of the damage done by the recent burnings and dynamitings.

It was noticeable to-day that a small number of Chinese police were doing duty on the streets, together with Japanese patrols.—Reuter.

EVEN JAPANESE MILITARY DESIRE PEACE

Shanghai, To-day.

That even the Japanese military are now willing to talk peace with China, is the attitude openly expressed in leading Japanese circles in Shanghai.

It is emphasised that continuation of the war cannot be of advantage to Japan, and, in any case, "the aims of the military have been to a great extent achieved."

The lack of initiative by the Japanese army in recent weeks is given as proof of this attitude.

It is declared, however, that Japan will be "convinced of Chinese sincerity for peace only if China declares herself willing to negotiate formally with Japan."

Otherwise, the war must continue "until the ultimate defeat of China."—Trans-Ocean.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS

Tokyo, To-day.

Political circles attach great importance to yesterday's Imperial Conference, at which important decisions were taken regarding future Japanese policy in China.

It was reiterated last night, that no official report on the Conference will be issued for the time being.—Trans-Ocean.

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Chinese Offensive At Chowhsien, But Tsining Falls

Hankow, To-day.

Changes of a decisive character in the military situation here have been effected as the result of the offensive launched by Chinese troops in the Tientsin-Pukow railway zone, an official communique issued yesterday states.

GENERALISSIMO LEAVES FOR FRONT

Hankow, To-day.
 General Chiang Kai-shek left yesterday for the Lunghai Railway front.

The Generalissimo's departure has evoked keen speculation whether the reported decision by the Chinese command to assume the offensive on all fronts will be executed.—Reuter.

FIRST TSINING ATTACK REPULSED

Shanghai, To-day.

Vernacular reports state that the battle which occurred near Tsining yesterday was the bitterest following the crossing of the Yellow River by the Japanese.

Five thousand Japanese troops launched an attack on Tsining early in the morning, but were repulsed. They were finally compelled to retire to their former positions. — Our Own Correspondent.

SECOND ATTACK

Shanghai, 10 a.m. To-day.
 The Japanese launched another

Following the arrival of strong reinforcements in the northern sector of the zone, Chinese troops emerged with flying colours in the battle for Tsilin.

Other Chinese troops have gained tactical successes near Tenhsi where they were at one time in danger of being surrounded.

BID FOR CHOWHSIEN

These columns are now pressing forward along the Tientsin-Pukow railway in the direction of Chowhsien. The fall of this city is believed here to be imminent.

The military operations of the Chinese are greatly facilitated by tactics adopted by the "guerilla bands" operating in the rear of the Japanese troops, thus causing great inconvenience to them by way of dislocating supplies and communications.—Trans-Ocean.

attack on Tsining shortly after sunset.

The battle raged on for hours without an interval, the artillery of the invading troops raining shells incessantly on the Chinese troops.

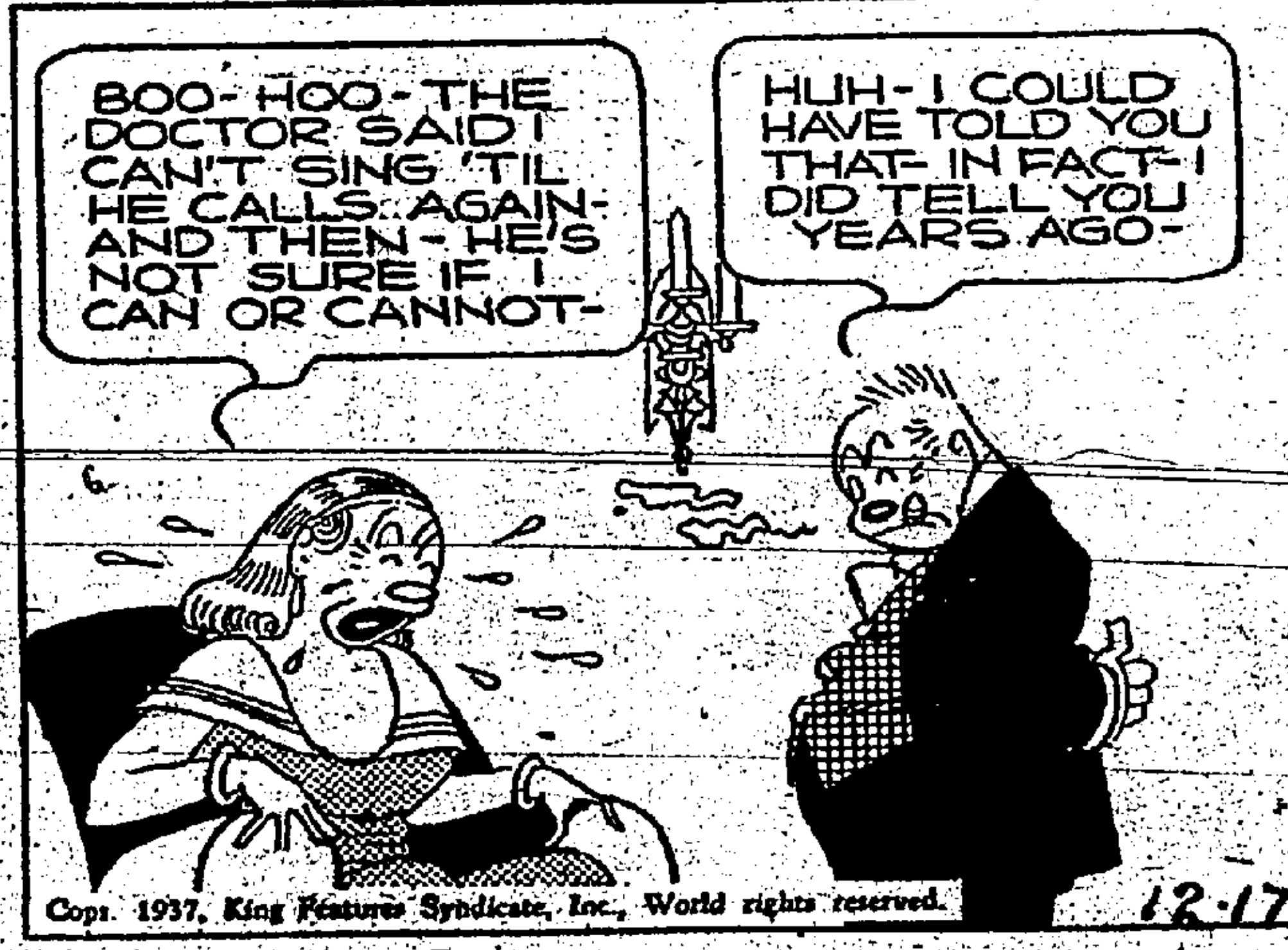
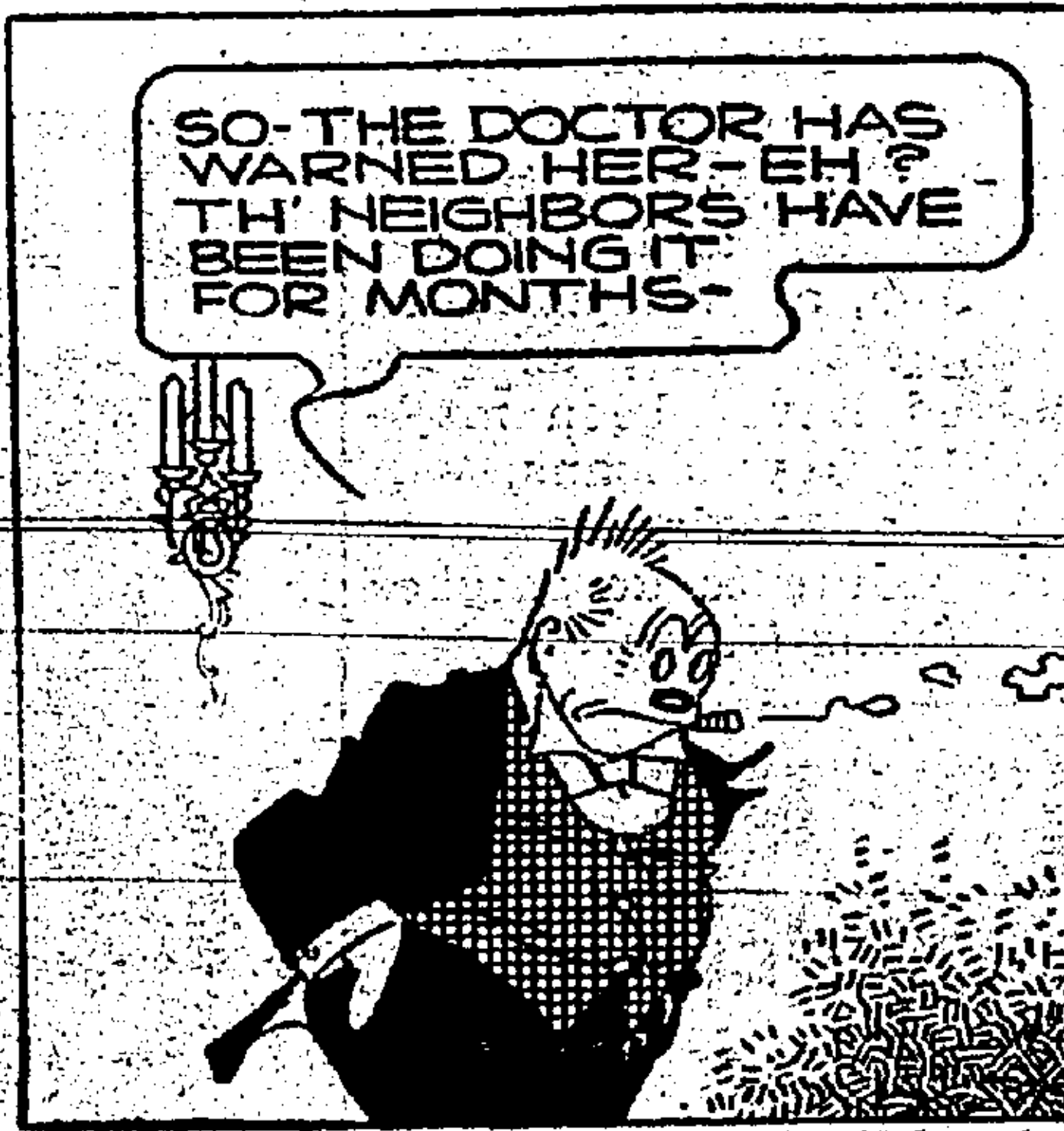
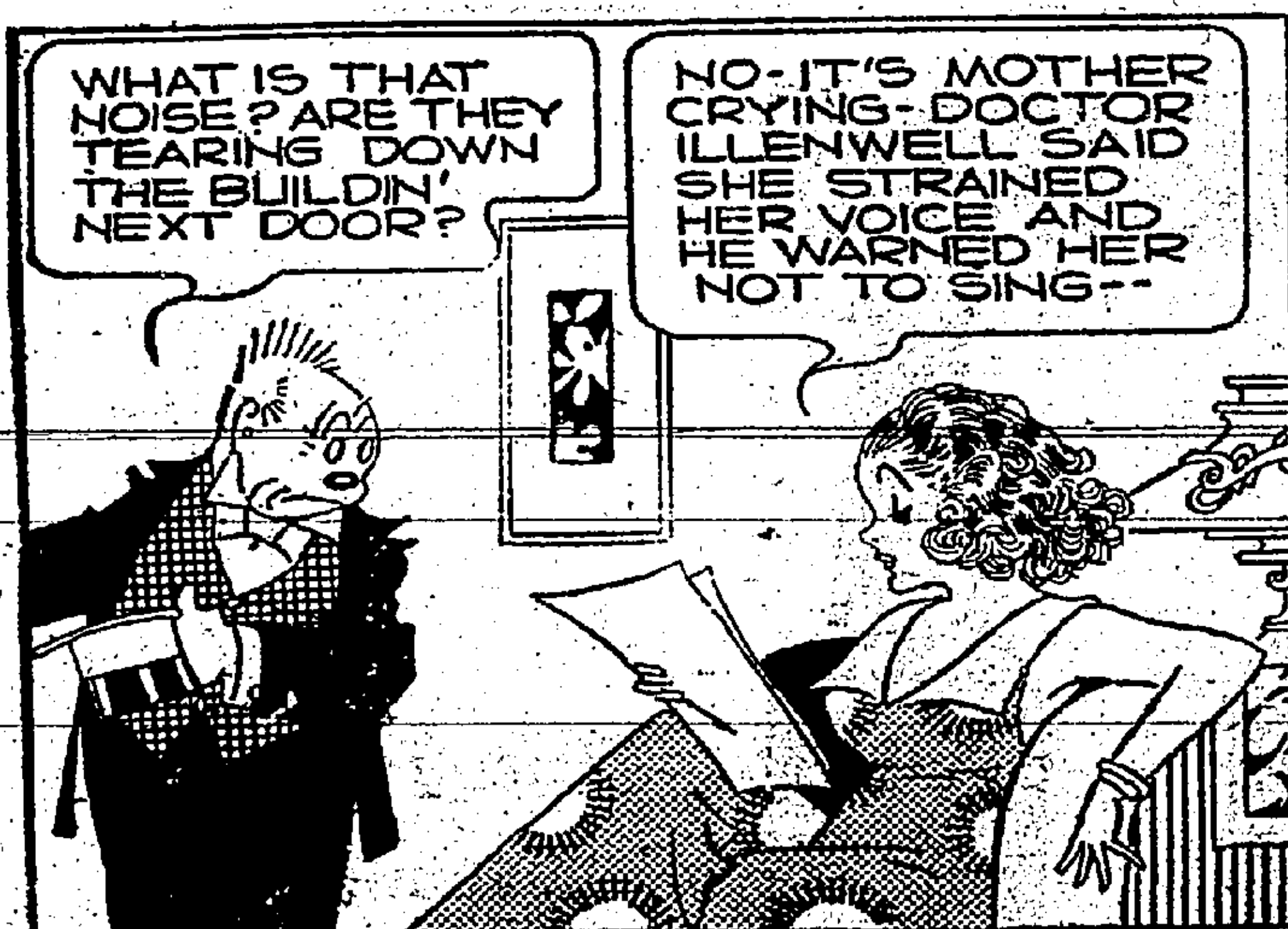
Late last night the Japanese entered the town, having routed the Chinese but suffering extremely heavy losses in troops.

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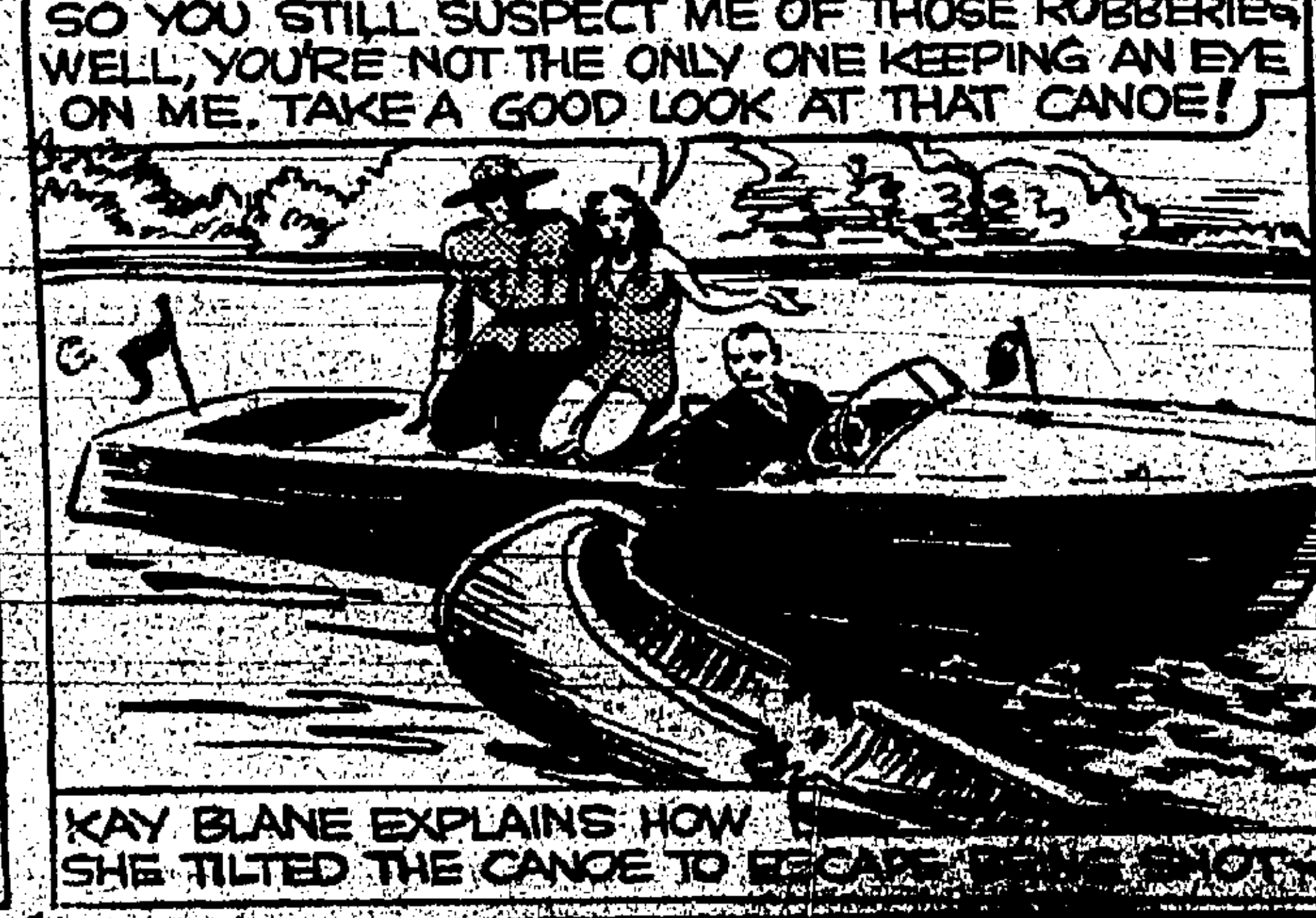
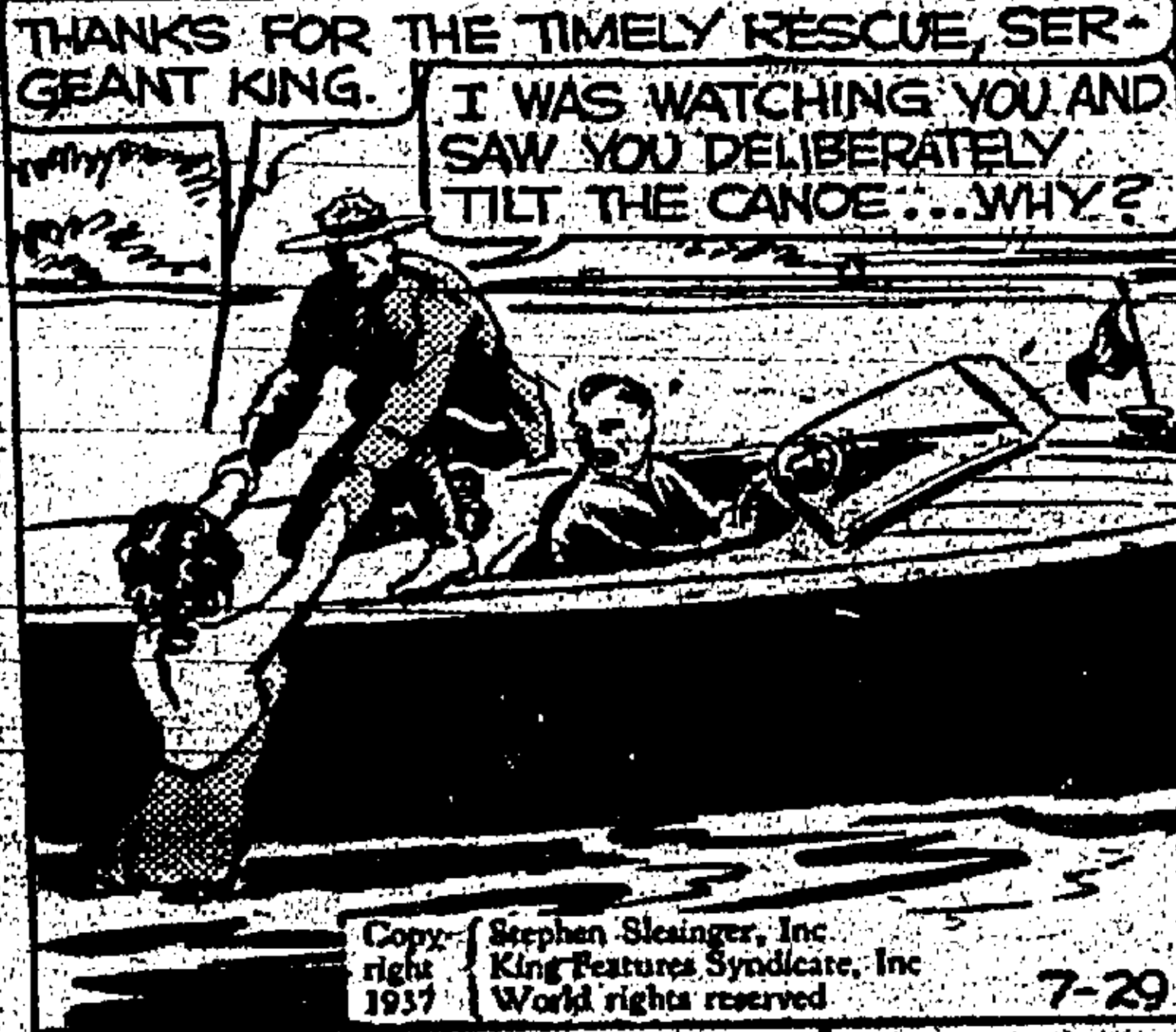
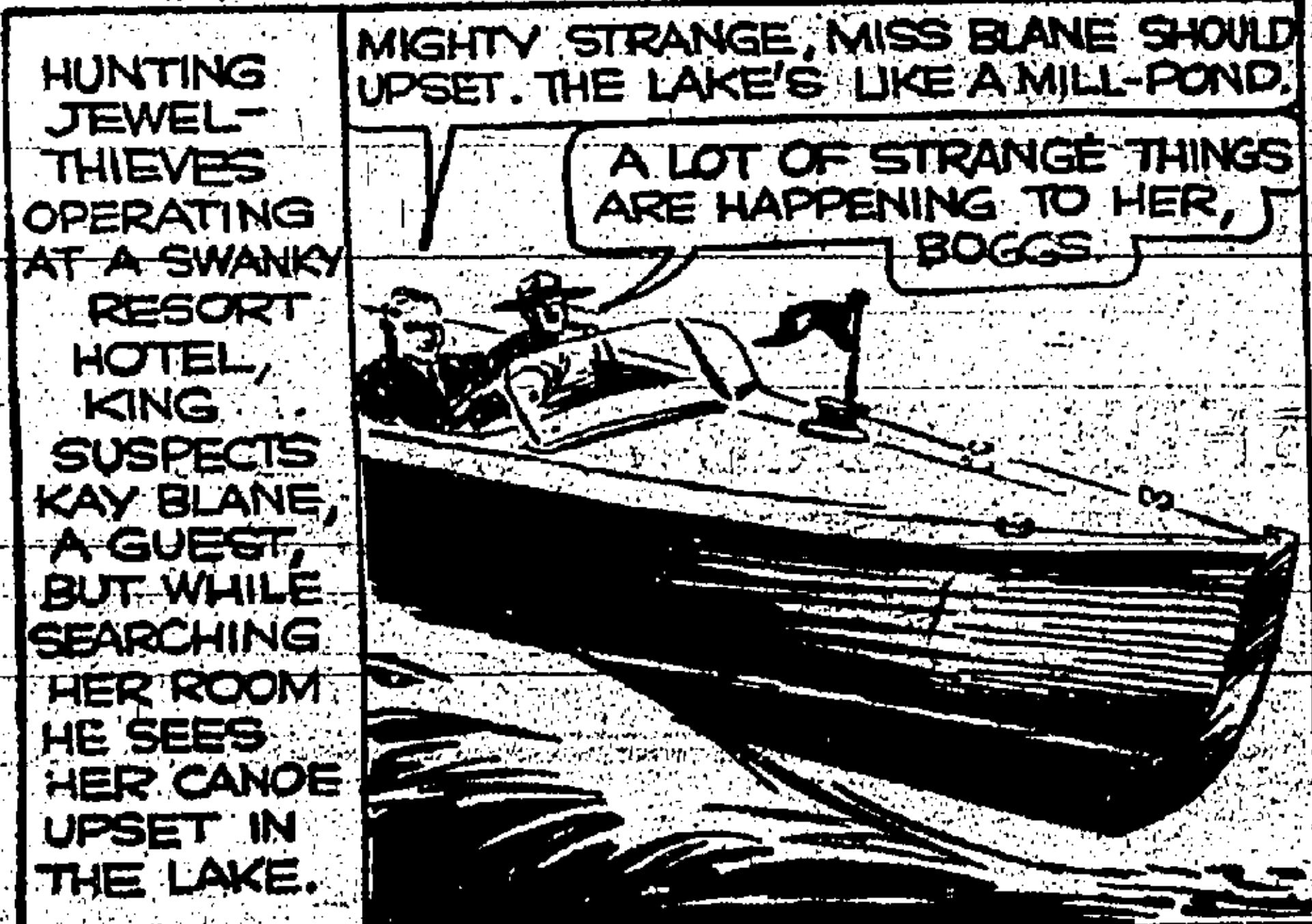
Fighting is continuing in the town between snipers and the Japanese, but the main forces have retired five miles outside the city.

The Japanese flag was hoisted in the town this morning.—Our Own Correspondent.

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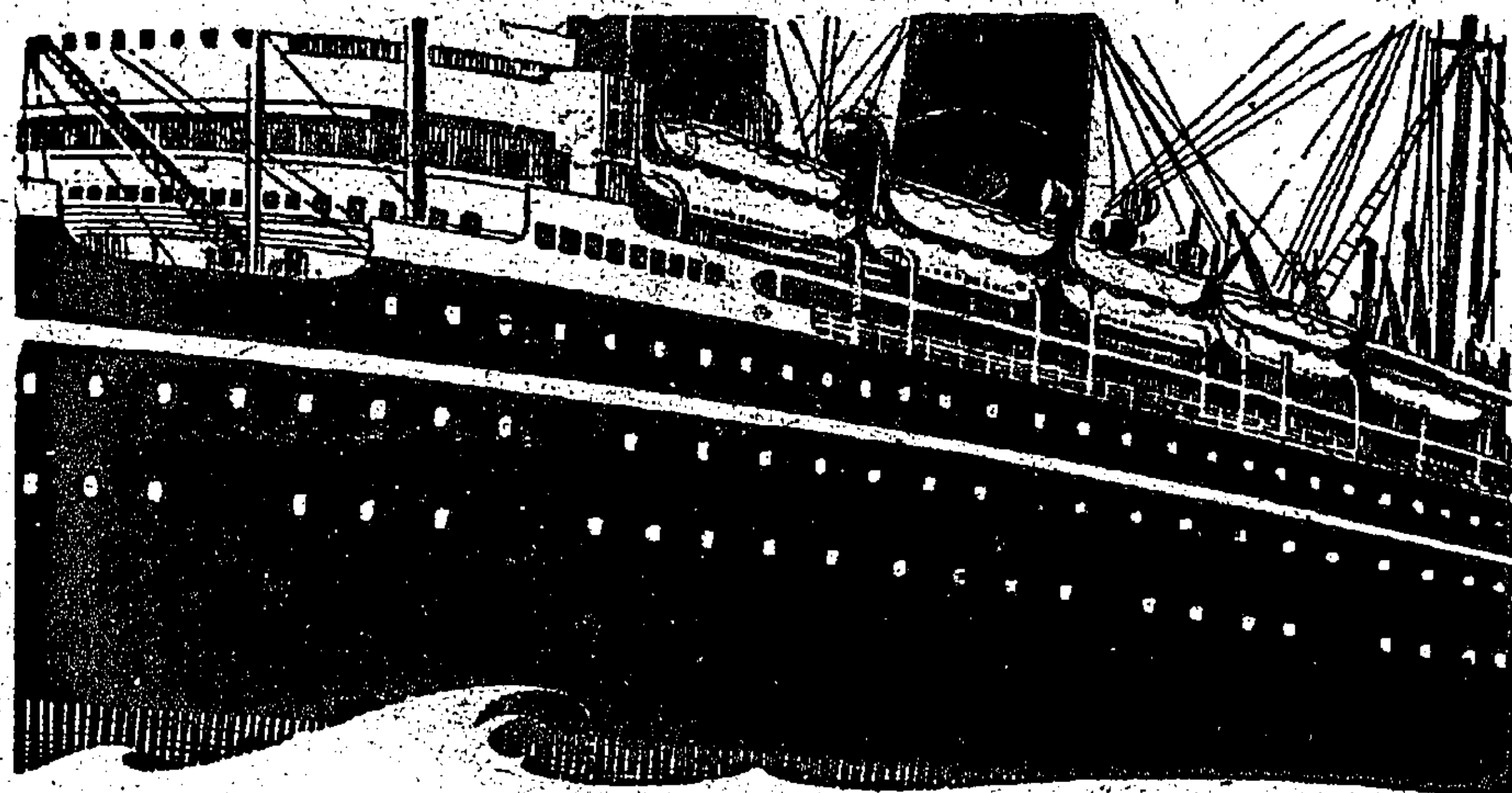
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*SOMALI	7,000	26th Feb.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hull.
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TANDA	7,000	5th Mar.	
NANKIN	7,000	2nd Apr.	

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TILAWA	10,000	20th Jan.	Amoy and Japan.
CARTHAGE	14,500	21st Jan.	Shanghai and Japan.
SANTHIA	8,000	3rd Feb.	Amoy and Japan.
COMORIN	15,000	4th Feb.	Shanghai and Japan.
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INWARD MAILS

Shanghai and Foochow	Kaying	January 12.
Java and Manila	Tjinegara	January 12.
Straits and Holhow	Muinam	January 12.
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Manila (Seattle, date 18th December 1937).	Pres. Jackson	January 12.
Amoy	Chengtu	January 13.
Straits	Achilles	January 13.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (Vancouver B.C., 25th Dec. 1937).	Emp. of Japan	January 13.
Amoy	Sirdhana	January 13.
Java	Tjisondari	January 13.
Japan	Yasukuni Maru	January 13.
Bangkok and Swatow	Kalgan	January 14.
Japan	Kidderpore	January 14.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London date, 16th December, 1937.	Hakozaki Maru	January 14.

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For	Per	Date and Time.
Tientsin	Wednesday	
Kongmoon & Pakhoi (via Kongmoon)	Fooking	Wed., Jan. 12, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Eurasia Plane	Fook On	Jan. 12, 9 a.m.
Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Reg.,	Jan. 12, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Ord.,	Jan. 12, 9.30 a.m.
Japan, Honolulu, *South American Ports and *Europe via Siberia	Kweiyang	Wed., Jan. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Rakuyo Maru	Jan. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Suiyang	Jan. 12, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tsinan	Wed., Jan. 12, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tjinegara	Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
Batavia and Sourabaya	Thursday	
Sandakan	Tjisaroeca	Thurs., Jan. 13, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tai Seun Hong	Jan. 13, 9.30 a.m.
Manila	Haitan	Jan. 13, 3 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 2nd February and *Europe via Siberia.	Emp. of Japan	Jan. 13, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 24th January.	Pres. Jackson	Thurs., Jan. 13.
Straits, Sandakan, Ceylon, India, East & South Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 9th February.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 23rd January.	Parcels,	Jan. 13, 4 p.m.
	Reg.,	Jan. 13, 4.45 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 13, 5.30 p.m.
	Thurs., Jan. 13,	
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
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	Ord.,	Jan. 13, 5.30 p.m.
	Thurs., Jan. 13,	
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	Reg.,	Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 13, 5.30 p.m.
	Thurs., Jan. 13,	
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Jan. 13, 4.30 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
	Fri., Jan. 14,	
	Kowloon P.O.	
	Reg.,	Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
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CHICHIBU MARU	Monday, 22nd Feb.	
TAIYO MARU	Monday, 7th Mar.	

SEATTLE & VANCOUVER (starts from Kobe)

HEIAN MARU	Saturday, 22nd Jan.	
HEKAWA MARU	Friday, 5th Feb.	

NEW YORK via Panama

INARUTO MARU	Saturday, 5th Feb.	
INAGARA MARU	Tuesday, 2nd Mar.	

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Hilo, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

RAKUXO MARU	Wednesday, 12th Jan.	
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LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM

YASUKUNI MARU	Friday, 14th Jan.	
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HAKONE MARU	Saturday, 29th Jan.	
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FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday, 12th Feb.	
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HAKOZAKI MARU	Friday, 26th Feb.	
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LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus, and Marseilles.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports

KITANO MARU	Saturday, 22nd Jan.	
KAMO MARU	Friday, 26th Feb.	

BOMBAY

TOYOOKA MARU	Wednesday, 26th Jan.	
TANGO MARU	Thursday, 10th Feb.	

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon

TOTTORI MARU	Wednesday, 26th Jan.	
INAGATO MARU	Friday, 4th Feb.	

KOBE & YOKOHAMA (Omitting Shanghai)

HAKOZAKI MARU	Friday, 14th Jan.	
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KAMO MARU	Friday, 21st Jan.	
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TERUKUNI MARU	Monday, 8th Feb.	
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ATSUTA MARU	Thursday, 18th Feb.	
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Rio de Janeiro Maru	Fri., 5th Feb.	
Montevideo Maru	Fri., 25th Feb.	

MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DARRESSALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, ALGOA BAY, CAPE TOWN & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Singapore & Colombo

Arabia Maru	Thurs., 4th Feb.	
Manila Maru	Fri., 4th Mar.	

BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo

London Maru	Thurs., 3rd Feb.	
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon

Celebes Maru	Wed., 2nd Feb.	
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JAPAN via Takao and Keelung

Manila Maru	Thurs., 20th Jan.	
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JAPAN PORTS

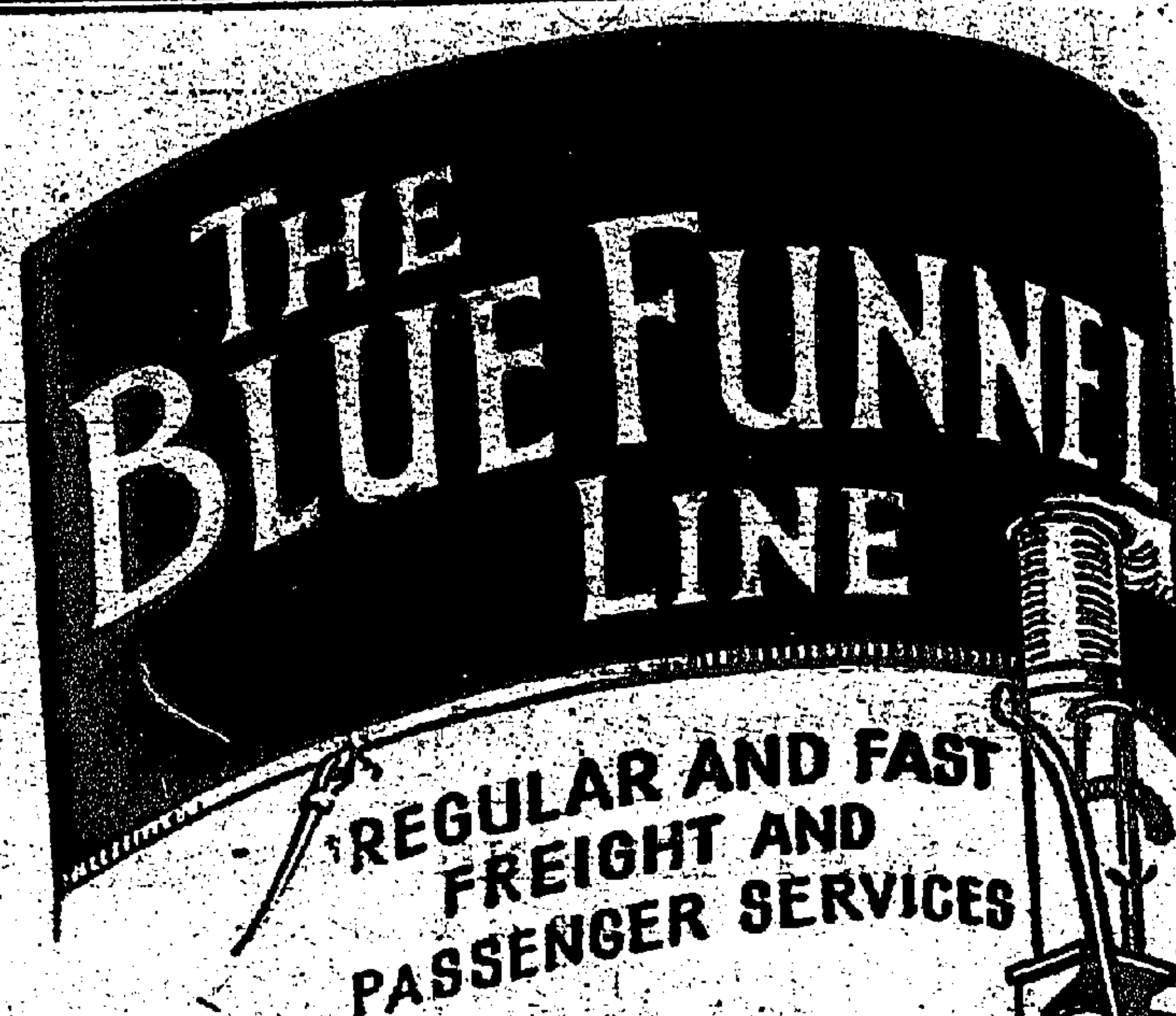
Hong Kong Maru	Sun., 23rd Jan.	
Hong Kong Maru	Sat., 5th Feb.	

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ANTIOCHUS	Sails 21 Jan. for Havre, Liverpool and Bromborough.
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NEW YORK SERVICE

ADRASTUS	Sails 13 Jan. for Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore via Straits, and Cape of Good Hope.
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PACIFIC SERVICE

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ACHILLES	Due 11 Jan. from U.K. via Straits.
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TAIPING	11 Jan.	14 Jan.	16 Jan.	31 Jan.
CHANGTE	11 Feb.	18 Feb.	21 Feb.	9 Mar.
TAIPING	8 Mar.	15 Mar.	18 Mar.	3 Apr.
CHANGTE	12 Apr.	19 Apr.	22 Apr.	9 May

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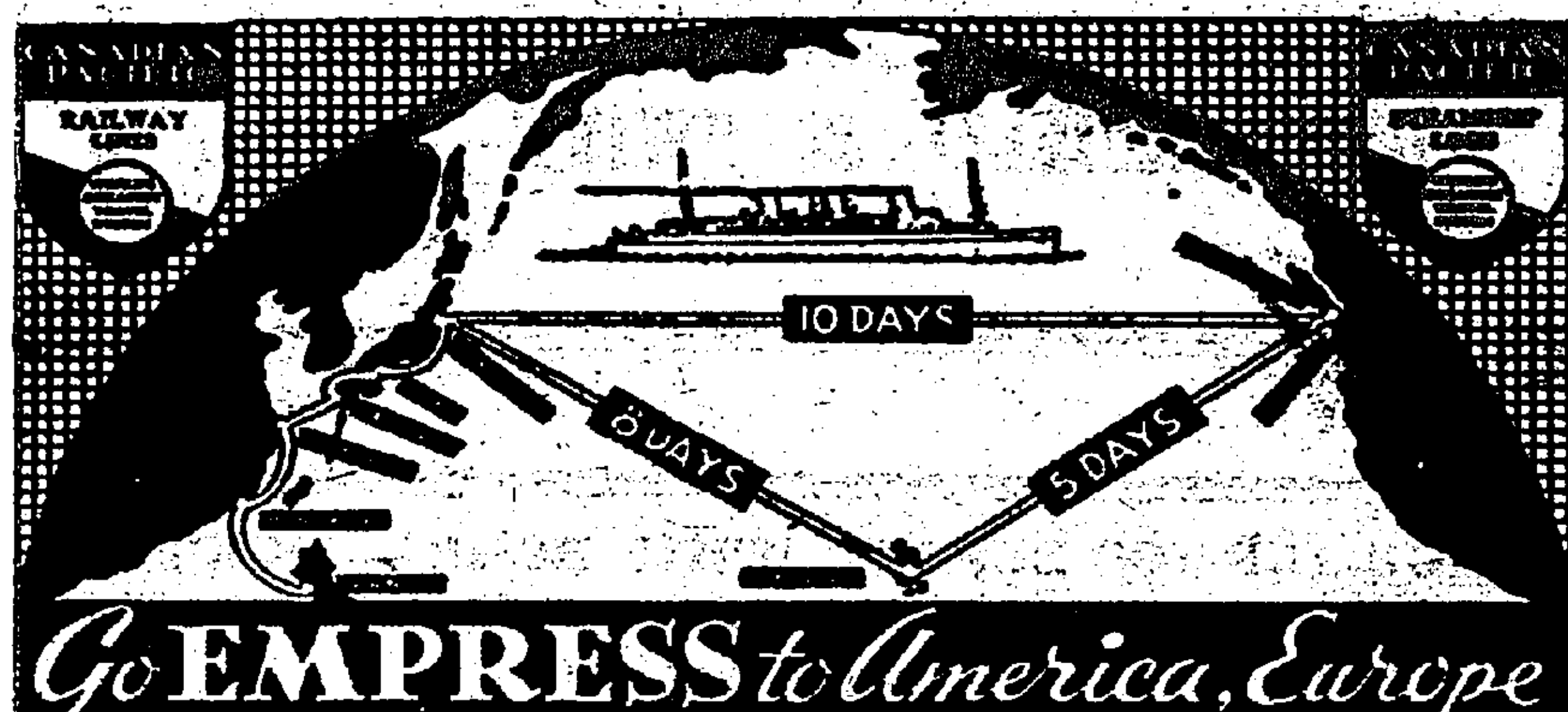
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Russia	Jan. 26	Jan. 28	Jan. 30	Feb. 1	Feb. 3	—	Feb. 12
Japan	Feb. 8	Feb. 10	—	Feb. 13	Feb. 15	Feb. 21	Feb. 26
Asia	Feb. 23	Feb. 25	Feb. 27	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	—	Mar. 12

RESUMPTION OF CALL AT SHANGHAI

Commencing with the Empress of Russia from Hong Kong January 26, 1938, Canadian Pacific "EMPRESSES" will call at Shanghai on the eastbound voyage.

The Empress of Asia from Vancouver will call at Shanghai on January 24th, en route to Hong Kong.

SAILING TO MANILA

Empress of Japan on January 13th.

at 6 P.M.

Canadian Pacific

LONDON BOOKSHOP KEY TO BURIED TREASURE

Mystery of Captain Kidd's Fortune

Years of searching, costing thousands of pounds, in the hitherto fruitless quest for the buried treasure of the famous Captain Kidd may come to an end next summer with the aid of an old map discovered in a London bookshop.

Captain Kidd is supposed to have hidden his plunder on Oak Island, six miles from Chester, Nova Scotia, where yet another expedition is preparing to get to work.

Details of the new search have been revealed in Halifax, N. S., by Mr. R. V. Harris, K. C., of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

CENTURY OF SEARCHING

The map found in London, though supposed to be a chart of a tropical island, is said to bear unusual resemblance to Oak Island.

Thousands of pounds have been spent in fruitless searches for hidden treasure on the island. Thirty-eight shafts have been sunk over the island—which measures only one and a-half miles from tip to tip—in the last 150 years.

There was once an oak tree with a wooden block hanging from one of its branches and a depression of about 12 feet in the ground. Early searchers began digging there—and digging has continued ever since.

The first searchers descended about six or seven feet and encountered a platform of oak logs. A hard substance on the side of the wall, apparently placed there by men, was noticed.

Excavations were continued in 1803 and a platform of oak logs was found every 10 feet. At 90 feet a flagstone with an undeciphered inscription was revealed. Then water began to fill the shaft. The same trouble has recurred at further attempts.

The shafts sunk revealed a piece of parchment, an axe-head similar to those used 200 years ago, and metal bars or coins in small pieces. All shafts have filled with water at a depth of 100 feet.

Scientists have found five well-defined drains built of flat stones on the shore, converging on one point—definitely the work of man, states Reuter. The forthcoming expedition next summer hopes to solve the whole mystery.

HOSPITAL "MARRIAGE AGENCIES"

NURSES LEAVE TO WED PATIENTS

So many nurses are leaving British hospitals to marry former patients that the authorities are becoming worried.

Lady Atkins, at a meeting of the Worcester Public Assistance Committee said: "We are matrimonial agencies at municipal homes."

Lady Atkins later said: "When the girls begin training they sign a contract for three or four years. If they break it by leaving

MADAME SUN FO WRITES

Sir,—Many wild rumours have been recently floating about regarding the purpose of Dr. Sun Fo's trip abroad. For instance, in the "China Mail" of January 8th, there is a report from Shanghai to the effect that (enormous arms orders placed with European armament firms were negotiated for China by Dr. Sun Fo). I wish categorically to deny this.

Furthermore, I would like this opportunity here to caution readers to be on their guard against being inveigled by other rumours and reports which in the matter of authenticity, are on a par with the instance above.

Sincerely,
MADAME SUN FO.

ALGIERS LOAN

Paris, To-day.

The Governor-General of Algiers has been authorised to issue a loan not exceeding the amount of 600,000,000 francs, by a decree published in the official "Gazette" yesterday.

The bonds, which will be issued in coupons of 1,000 and 5,000 francs, will bear interest of 6 per cent.—Trans-Ocean.

AMBASSADOR IN BAGHDAD

London, To-day.

Mr. M. D. Peterson, former Counsellor of the Foreign Office, has been appointed Ambassador at Baghdad in succession to Mr. H. J. Seymour.—Reuter.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Feb/March 23- $\frac{1}{2}$ b. down $\frac{3}{8}$.

April/June 24 b. down $\frac{3}{8}$.

July/Sept. 24- $\frac{1}{4}$ b. down $\frac{3}{8}$.

Market: Dull.

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Chan Lim Pak	50.—
Miss Carter	10.—
Anonymous (per Dr. A. Woo)	100.—
Rotary Club	100.—
Anonymous	50.—
	\$5,735.44

An Indian boy, aged 4, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries received when he was knocked down in Gaine Road, near Shelley Street.

ing they are fined. But many leave to get married.

"I can understand why men like nurses. They are attractive girls, intelligent, and know how to run a home."

A nurse at the Worcester Infirmary said: "I am leaving to get married at the end of the year."

"We do not all meet our future husbands in hospital. There are dances and socials, you know."

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

BANKS	
Hong Kong Bank \$1480 b., \$1440/50 ss.	
Hong Kong Bank (Lon. Reg.) \$92 b.	
SHIPPING	
Douglases \$52 b.	
H. K. Steamboats \$9 b.	
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.	
H. K. and K. Wharves \$114 b.	
H. K. and W. Docks \$27% b., \$27% ss.	
Providents (Old) \$2.05 b.	
Providents (New) 20 cts.	
MINING	
H. K. Mines 10 cts. sa.	
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	
H. K. and S. Hotels \$5.20 b., \$5.30 s.	
H. K. Lands \$31 b., \$31% sa.	
Humphreys \$8.60 b.	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
H. K. Tramways \$13.80 b., \$13.70/75 ss.	
Peak Trams (Old) \$7% s.	
Peak Trams (New) \$3% s.	
Star Ferries \$79% b., \$79% s., \$79 ss.	
China Lights (Old) \$10% b., \$10% ss.	
H. K. Electrics \$52% b., \$52% sa.	
Sandakan Lights \$14% s.	
Telephones (Old) \$25.65 b.	
Telephones (New) \$8.35 b.	
INDUSTRIALS	
Cantons Ices \$1.70 s.	
Cements \$12.70 b.	
H. K. Ropes \$3% b.	
STORES, & C.	
Watsons \$4.70 b.	
MISCELLANEOUS	
Entertainments \$5% b.	
Constructions \$1% b.	
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G. \$ Bds. 74% b.	
H. K. Govt. 3% Loan 1% pm. b.	
Wallace Harpers \$3% b.	

EXCHEQUER RETURNS

London, To-day.

Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £508,464,823 compared with £484,747,484 at the corresponding date of last year.

Total expenditure, less balancing items, is £678,801,065 compared with £618,940,432 at the corresponding date of 1937.—British Wireless.

ASIA TO CALL AT SHANGHAI

The R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Saturday and is due at Hong Kong on the 27th January. She will go into Kowloon Dock, on completion of discharge of cargo, for annual overhaul.

HITLER'S NEW YEAR RECEPTION

Berlin, To-day.

At the New Year's reception held by Herr Hitler yesterday, the customary speeches were exchanged between the Papal Nuncio, as Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, and the Fuehrer.

Previous to the reception, Herr Hitler received the new Japanese Ambassador in Berlin, Mr. Shingori Togo, for the routine presentation of credentials.—Trans-Ocean.

Tsai Wan, a fitter, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from injuries received in an accident at the Taikoo Sugar Refinery yesterday.

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Cebu	Medan	Sourabaya
Colombo	Medan	Taipei
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ALLEN AND BAKER TAKE WEEK-END HONOURS

LT. MANN. WICKET-KEEPING FIND OF MANY SEASONS

(By "ADREM")

ALL Senior League cricket matches played over the week-end were close affairs with one exception, Civil Service beating Club de Recreio with the utmost ease at King's Park.

Junior games were chiefly remarkable for the defeats of the Kowloon and Hong Kong Cricket Clubs at the hands of Army "A" and Navy, respectively, and, although most clubs have barely completed the first halves of their programme, present indications either point to the Navy, Army "A" or Craigengower winning the championship.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE NAVY HAVE BEEN, AND WILL BE FURTHER DEPLETED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND THAT ARMY "A" HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF THEIR FINEST BOWLER—PTE. HATFIELD—BY THEIR SENIOR TEAM, I AM INCLINED TO FANCY THE CHANCES OF CRAIGENGOWER, WHO HAVE RETURNED SOME EXCELLENT RESULTS TO DATE. THE HOLDERS OF THE TITLE, KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB, HAVE ALREADY LOST TWO GAMES IN ADDITION TO DRAWING ONE, AND CAN VIRTUALLY BE RULED OUT.

Civil Service, who were the only First Division side to collect three points, have F. Baker to thank for the ease with which they accomplished their task. On the fiery Recreio wicket, Baker was absolutely unplayable and hit the stumps on no fewer than seven occasions to return the following remarkable analysis:

O.	M.	R.	W.
13	5	18	7

I have not seen Baker bowl very often this season but a member of his side who has, holds the opinion that he is now more deadly than he has ever been in Hong Kong. He is keeping a perfect length, and, although possibly not quite as fast through the air as of old, he has infinitely more "devil." He was described as the finest stock bowler in the Colony at the present moment, with the possible exceptions of A. R. Minu and Robbie Lee.

R. B. WOOD TAKES ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY

Civil Service, set to get a meagre 64, lost Colledge early but were never in difficulties and accomplished their task for the loss of only two wickets. The batting order was then reversed and R. B. Wood, who only bats on rare occasions, made a brace of very pretty square-cuts and generally shaped quite promisingly.

I have no fear of contradiction in stating that Capt. Whitmarsh, the Navy skipper, is without any shadow of doubt, the most consistent batsmen in the Colony. While not being exactly classic in his methods, he is eminently sound and scores of over 50 have been the rule rather than the exception.



WHITMARSH UNSUCCESSFUL ON TWO CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS

On two successive Saturdays has he played almost identical innings. Following his score of 70 odd against Club in the Triangular Tournament, when the Navy had been set quite a large number of runs to get, he made 53 on Saturday in the League match and enabled the Senior Service to get within 14 runs of their opponents' total, with 2 wickets in hand. Sub-Lt. Ogle also batted very well and hit nine fours in a rapid 55.

Had it not been for a fine innings of 77 not out by R. D. Allen, the former Penang player, the Club would have been in a very sorry position. Allen hit hard and often and some idea of the pace of his scoring may be gained from the fact that in partnership with R. E. H. Nelson, he added 50 runs for the seventh wicket, of which Nelson's contribution was 7. His 77 was scored out of 117.

INTERESTING POSITION AT CONCLUSION OF GAME AT SOOKUNPOO

The result of the K.C.C.-Army game was very open and anything might have happened had stumps been drawn at the official time instead of at 5.45. At this stage, Army, with three wickets in hand,

were a mere 12 runs behind and as Cheney was then looking very comfortable and there was still Barron to come in and hit, the soldiers had every chance of winning.

K.C.C. badly missed the services of Donald Anderson who was laid up with a throat ailment, and Teddy Fincher, who led the side in his absence, opened the batting with Burnett and Tommy Madar. Both were quickly dismissed but Ernie Fincher managed to get going and although he gave several chances and was not seeing them particularly well, he made 52 before Cheney got one through him.

HATFIELD JUSTIFIES PROMOTION FROM JUNIOR DIVISION

Thereafter Lloyd, Teddy Fincher and Robbie Lee made a few and a declaration was made at 164 for 9. I am told that Hatfield, promoted from a junior team, bowled very well indeed and was always difficult to play. He took 3 for 23, while Cheney also got three wickets but was rather expensive.

Mann created a tremendous impression with his wicket-keeping and on his form in this game, is considered by many to be a better stumper than even G. S. Dunkley, who occupied that position in Colony games throughout his stay here. He stood up to the wildest of bowling with confidence and was particularly safe with anything on the leg side.



I understand that he has been tried for Cambridge and in view of the fact that he opened the Army batting and during a short stay at the wicket made it perfectly obvious that he is a class batsman, he should prove a tremendous asset not only to the Army but also to the Colony, where, at present, there is a great dearth of really good stumpers.

The feature of the Army innings was a fifth wicket partnership between Major Rawstone and Lt. Chiverall, which realised 99 runs after four wickets had fallen cheaply. While these two were together, everything pointed to an Army victory but Teddy Fincher snapped up two very nice catches in the slips and that was that!

ANTICIPATION OF KEEN MATCH MORE THAN JUSTIFIED

A keen match was expected to be the outcome of the match between those old rivals the I.R.C. and Craigengower but no one quite anticipated the keenness that transpired. It was a glorious game of fluctuating fortunes and a draw was the fairest result.

I.R.C. had first knock and started off in grand style, Ismail, Nazarin and Kitchell hoisting 115. I believe Kitchell's innings was very scratchy, but Nazarin was the complete master in scoring 67. Although I have heard that this effort was quite chanceless, I have it on good authority—one of the umpires—that he did give two quick chances in the slips to F. K. Lee which the latter was not quick enough in getting to. He also put several up in close proximity to gully but on the whole, he displayed all the form which earned him a place in the last Interport team.

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WEEK-END FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Middlesex To Meet South China "A"

The following is the local football programme for the coming week-end:—

First Division
South China "B" v Club (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Martin.
Linesmen:—Johns and Edwards.
Kowloon v Kowloon Chinese (Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Barton.
Linesmen:—Demmee and F. Silva.
Middlesex v South China "A" (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Ottoway.
Linesmen:—Brothwell and Godfrey.
Police v Seaforths (Club, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Finch.
Linesmen:—Sutterley and Purnell.
Second Division
Kowloon v Club (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Clarke.
Kwong Wah v Engineers (Prince Edward Road, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Searle.
Eastern v Seaforths (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—French.
Middlesex v South China (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Youngs.
5th Bde. A.A.R.A. v Police (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—J. Silva.
Third Division (Hong Kong)
5th Bde. R.A. v Engineers (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Savage.
Medicals v Police (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Barretto.
Service Corps v Ordnance (Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Whittle.
Stanley v Powhatten (Military, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—F. Smith.
Third Division (Kowloon)
24th R.A. v 20th R.A. (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Sharpe.
Air Force v University (Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Morecroft.
Portuguese S.A. v Kumaon (King's Park, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Stone.
Signals v Seaforths (Prince Edward Road, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Phillips.
SUNDAY
Junior Shield
Portuguese S.A. v Air Force. (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Havelaar.
University v Police (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Baker.
First Division
St. Joseph's v Eastern (Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Smyth.
Linesmen:—Hartley and Wyper.

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J. L. YOUNGSAYE RUNS OUT TWO IN BEST YOUNGSAYE STYLE

From this time onward, all I.R.C. batsmen were given instructions to hit out or get out. They got out! In this connection, special mention must be made of the dazzling fielding of J. L. Youngsaye who caught A. R. Minu and ran out two, in the best Youngsaye style.

Souza bowled very steadily and never gave very much away, while "Tinker" Lee, who now expects to be turning out regularly for the remainder of the League season, fulfilled his task of keeping down runs and only conceded 33 runs in 15.3 overs.

Craigengower were given a useful start by J. L. Youngsaye and A. R. H. Esmail but A. B. Hamson, I am told, then stayed in for a disproportionate length of time while scoring four and put them behind the clock. F. K. Lee and Francis Zimmermann went quickly in trying to get runs and supporters of the Valley Club were given some sticky



The Colony will be losing two fine sportsmen next Saturday when the Transport Dorsetshire leaves for England. They are Capt. G. W. P. Kimm (left), who has been largely responsible for the excellent standard of hockey umpires in the Colony and who was until recently Chairman of the Mamak Hockey Tournament, and Lieut. D. C. Lincoln (right), former captain of the Army first Rugby fifteen.

VISIT OF ISLINGTON CORINTHIANS

Programme Now Approved

WILL ARRIVE HERE FEBRUARY 17

Arrangements have been completed for the pending visit of the Islington Corinthians, the English amateur team to the Colony in the course of their world tour.

Colony soccer fans have a treat in store for them. The tourists have won praises everywhere, not only by their brand of football, but also by their friendly spirit on and off the field.

LOCAL PROGRAMME

The Corinthians will leave Malaya on February 11 by the M. M. Aramis and will travel to the Colony via Saigon where they may play a match.

They are expected here on February 18 and will commence their fixtures the next day.

The local programme, approved by Mr. Tom Smith, the manager of the visiting team is as follows:

FEBRUARY 19 v SOUTH CHINA
FEBRUARY 20 v UNITED SERVICES
FEBRUARY 26 v CIVILIANS
FEBRUARY 27 v ALL H. K.

All the matches will be played on the South China ground, at Caroline Hill, and will commence at 4 p.m. on each day.

The charges are \$3 for covered stand and \$2.20 for uncovered stand for the first and fourth matches, and \$2.20 and \$1.50 respectively for the second and third games.

Tickets at \$7.50 each for the whole series will be available. Advanced booking is open at local football clubs up to January 31, after which date bookings will be open to the public.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, has kindly signified his intention of being present at the first and fourth matches.

The annual cricket match between Oxford and Cambridge takes place to-day on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground, Chater Road.

moments prior to the arrival of George Souza.

This brilliant young player then took complete command and was still in when stumps were drawn with 9 wickets down and 10 runs to get. A. H. Madar gave an educational exhibition of really good "attacking" bowling and had most batsmen in difficulties.



WEDNESDAY ELIMINATED FROM F.A. CUP

London, To-day.

Sheffield Wednesday, the 1934-35 winners of the F. A. Cup, were eliminated from this year's competition yesterday, when they lost to Burnley by 3 goals to 1 in their re-played Third Round encounter, having shared two goals last Saturday. —Reuter.

LUTON SIGN GAINSBOROUGH BACK

Luton Town signed Carter, the Gainsborough Trinity back, who has been sought by several prominent League clubs, when the team arrived in London after their Cup tie with Yeovil.

TAMAR RUGBY SUCCESS OVER 5th A.A. BRIGADE

Speedy Pack Decides The Issue

H.M.S. Tamar beat the 5th A. A. Brigade by a goal and two tries (11 points) to nil yesterday in a hard-fought, friendly Rugby encounter at Causeway Bay.

The Tamar forwards were in fine fettle, and it was due in no small way to their speedy play in the loose that the soldiers were beaten. The Brigade forwards were very sluggish, but their backs took part in many delightful passing movements that came to nought through poor backing up.

Leading by six points at the interval, the Tamar scored tries through Bracker (2) and Phillips, while Jenkins converted one.

Ford, the Navy player, refereed the game.

TABLE-TENNIS TEAM CLASH FOR TO-NIGHT

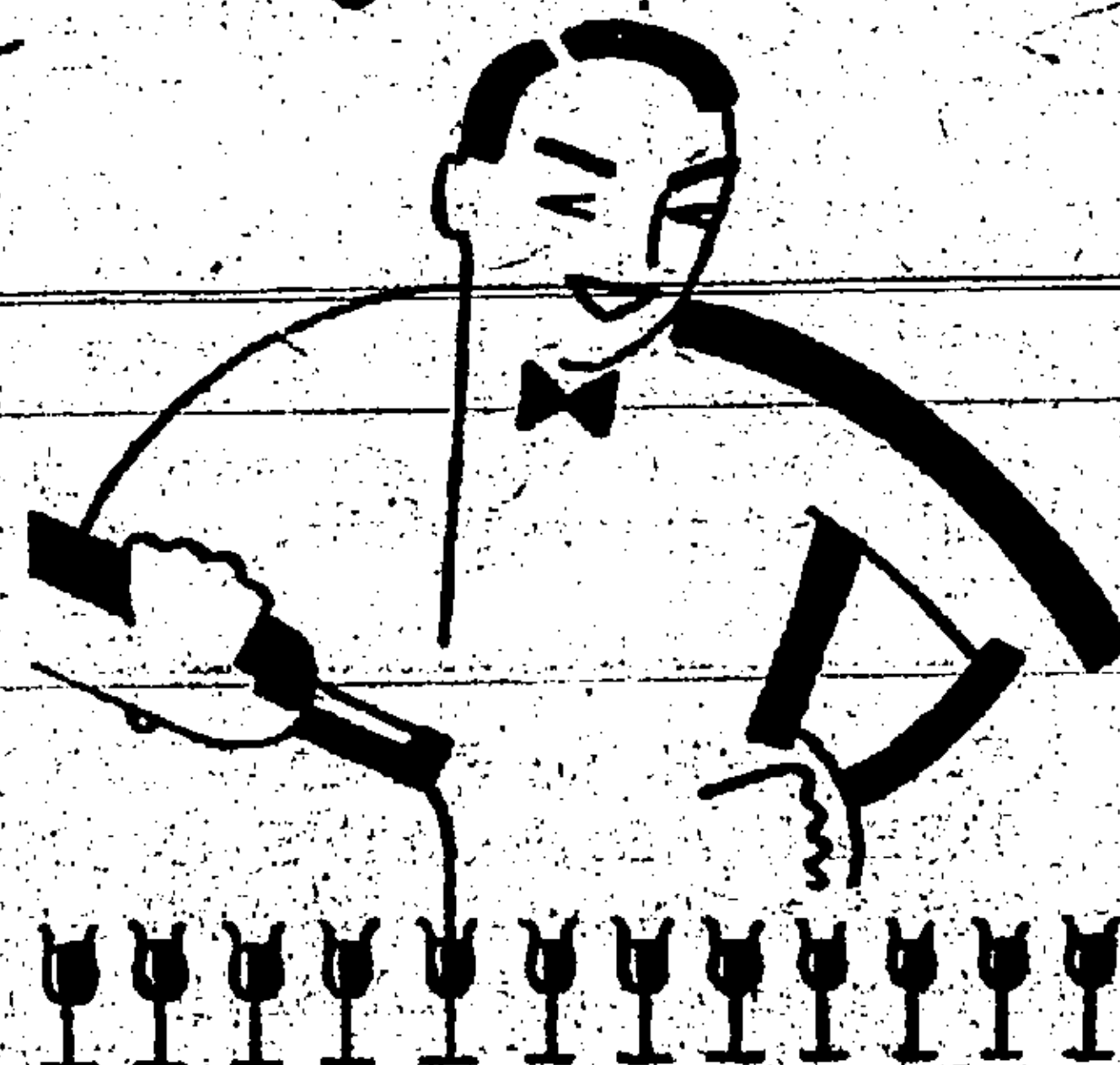
An interesting table-tennis encounter should be witnessed in the West Lounge of the European Y.M.C.A. to-night at 9 p.m. when teams of six from the "Y" and the Middlesex Regiment will meet in a team match.

The following will probably represent the "Y": W. Lampard; J. L. Anderson, J. Greenberg, C. Bander, R. Goldman and H. J. Ashton.

STOKE CENTRE TRANSFERRED

William Robson, Stoke City reserve centre-forward, was transferred to Burnley. He was one season with Huddersfield Town and has been with Stoke City for the last four seasons. Robson stands 5ft 9in and weights 12st.

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SECRETS OF CRICKET SUCCESS

THE "FEEL" OF THE BAT IS MOST IMPORTANT

MAN-SIZED BAT MUST NOT BE USED BY A BOY

FORWARD PLAY ON FAST WICKETS

(By "J. C. DAVIS")

Sydney, November 11.

IN successful batting it is supremely important to obtain a bat that suits. There is something about the "feel" of the bat that makes all the difference—it puts one at ease and induces confidence. There are exceptions to this rule, of course. One of the eminent few was Victor Trumper. He could pick up any sort of old bat, any weight, and go to the wickets to make all his wonderful strokes with the wonderful grace that enchanted us. But Trumper was a law unto himself, and in that direction no exemplar to follow closely. It needed a man of his own enlightening genius to do as he did in many directions.

Don Bradman, however, is just as particular as he should be in the choice of his bat. He uses a short-handled bat. And how does he use it? Now Stan McCabe also uses a short-handled bat. These two Australians appeal to me as the two foremost batsmen among the active living. That which they find so good may be found to be of similar assistance by others.

The moral is that every man should get a bat to suit himself, his grip, his "feel," and his strength and height.

All great players I have ever heard express an opinion on the matter, were unanimous that a boy should never use a man's full-sized bat. He should use one suited to his strength and his height.

As a youngster, I once heard W. G. Grace express himself to that effect. Ranjitsinhji, the brilliant Indian, was not alone a juggler in cricket, but a student of it, and of everything appertaining to it. On this subject of the bat he was emphatic. He told me that he thought the batsman should be in such close touch with his bat that it became so much a part of himself, that, in using it, his attention was never drawn to it and from the bowler and the ball.

RANJI THE WIZARD

Ranji and C. B. Fry seemed to have analysed everything in cricket. Nothing seems to have been too minute to escape them. They knew the why and the wherefore of anything that might happen at the wickets. Jack O'Connor told me last summer at one of the Tests that on the way out from England aboard the big Orient liner, Orion, Fry was extraordinarily interesting in his talks, and convincing in his dissections on the game. He would instantly demonstrate by shadow-batting any point in the art he was elucidating.

One had the privilege subsequently of listening to the famous old cricketer in similar episodes. He made one realise more than ever that golf and kindred ball games have nothing on cricket in the scientific angles underlying everything that counts in the higher achievements of a player.

Well, it was almost the same with Ranji (occasionally) when he toured Australia in 1897-8 with A. E. Stoddart's team, though he was not quite so analytical and apt in the demonstration.

BAT FOR THE BOY

At a later period Ranji published "The Jubilee Book of Cricket." In it he epitomised and enlarged upon the views on the bat he had expressed in his talks. These are so much to the point and so intimate in the details that they are here



quoted for the benefit of the boys of to-day.

"With regard to size, boys are strongly advised to use undersized bats. No one should ever use a bat which he cannot wield quite comfortably. The balance of a bat, too, is a very important point. A bat varies in balance according to the distribution of wood in the blade. By holding a bat by the handle with two hands, and lifting it up and down just as when actually playing, anyone can feel for himself whether it comes up well or badly. The difference of the feel between a well and a badly-balanced bat is most distinct. Cricketers would be wise to acquire the habit of testing the balance of a bat. Familiarity with the feel of a good bat helps them to make a suitable choice.

CRAMP HIS STYLE

"A player's style is sure to be affected by using unsuitable bats. A small man who uses a full-sized bat is very likely to cramp his play or fall into ungainly positions, such as materially handicap attempts at good strokes.

"The use of a bat too heavy for one's strength is also injurious. A bat of this kind tires a player out much sooner than one that suits him; and it also prevents good timing of the ball—that is to say,

it makes it difficult for the player to bring the bat into the desired spot at the desired moment. It causes the fault of playing too late.

"A long innings means a continuous physical strain; so the less labour it is to wield the bat the better. Two or three ounces more or less do not make much difference in the driving qualities of a bat, but they do make a difference to the ease and comfort with which it may be wielded. The use of heavy bats usually leads not only to mistiming, but to weak strokes, a feeble style, and small scores."

MOVIES WERE MISSING

IT IS A PITY MOVING PICTURES WERE NOT POSSIBLE IN THE BEST YEARS OF W. G. GRACE, ARTHUR SHREWSBURY, VICTOR TRUMPER, JOHNNY TYLDESLEY, RANJITSINHJI, A. C. MACLAREN AND CLEM HILL.

A study of them would give young players literally tons of cricketing gems, and inspire in all a healthy inclination to crack the ball.

Five or six years ago moving pictures of Don Bradman making his strokes were taken in Sydney. I was privileged to be present at a private screening at the Prince Edward Theatre. The pictures were amazingly good. They revealed a Bradman not seen through the eyes of some Englishman but as the perfect batsman. They illustrated why Bradman is the wonder man.

EVERY MOVE SEEN

Here we saw every minute movement co-ordinating in his cutting,



his driving, his glancing and his pulling. You could not detect the glimmer of a flaw in footwork, wrist work, control of the bat or in the completed stroke. The slow motion was also turned on to add to one's delight.

You could almost imagine him going through his strokes to the accompaniment of some chord in music vibrating within him. I have often wondered what became of those pictures which, one understood, were taken not to be shown in Australia but in other countries.

George Garnsey throws the action photographs of great players on to the screen at his quarters in the Cricket Association building in Sydney. These include Spofforth, Trumper, Turner, Ranji, Hill and Palaret. They are of exceptional interest to young batsmen and bowlers. But they are "still" pictures.

SHOULD BE SHOWN

If the Bradman film, so vibrant in action, to which I have referred, could be shown in every city and town in Australia it would carry home its illuminating lessons to thousands of Young Players.

I recall having been asked by the host, after the screening what I thought of the film.

"It is perfect from the art of batting. Just perfect," I said. "But there is one mistake. The introductory text tells us that Don was born at Bowral. That honour belongs to Cootamundra!"

My impression was that the trivial yet true observation was not welcome. One could understand that. The film was a classic. That such a blemish in it could be noticed was annoying.

ON NOW DECREASE

In Australian first-class cricket on good wickets, forward play once was indulged in much more than it is now. If we except the few champions, batting at some periods was also better than it is now. Tremendous scores were piled up by New South Wales batsmen at a fast rate against South Australian, Victorian, and overseas teams that embraced fair to good bowling. In club first-grade in Sydney this season, there is a growing tendency to revive forward play and solid driving that once helped batsmen to pile up totals in one afternoon ranging from 300 to 400 and 500 or more runs.

Nevertheless, far too many batsmen are playing back and trying to take the ball round to the outside instead of getting forward to it, and clipping it with the full bat-face on the drives. Some of the reputedly best batsmen have dropped into the rut. It is, therefore, always a treat to watch Stan McCabe.

TWICE AS FAST

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TO-DAY'S "SPOTLIGHT"

(By "SHORTSTOP")

A question has come to my notice regarding an appeal play in last Sunday's game between the H.K. Baseball Club and the Filipino Club.

BASE-RUNNER, ON FIRST RUNS BEFORE A FLY HAS BEEN CAUGHT BY CENTRE-FIELDER. HE REACHES SECOND, AND BY THAT TIME THE BALL HAS BEEN THROWN TO THE SHORTSTOP, WHO DOES NOT TAG THE RUNNER, AND THE LATTER RETURNS TO FIRST BASE. IS THE RUNNER OUT?

No! It was not a forced play as the ball was caught, and he was not tagged. Rule 27, Section 8, states that a base-runner is out "if, when a fair or foul hit ball (other than a foul tip) is legally caught by a fielder, such ball is legally held by a fielder on the base occupied by the base-runner when such ball is batted, or the base-runner is touched with the ball in the hand of a fielder, before he retouches such base after such fair or foul hit ball is so caught."

Provided that the base-runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball is legally caught, it is delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder holds it on said base, or touches the base-runner out with it; but if the base-runner, in attempting to reach a base, detaches it from its fastenings before being put out, he shall be declared safe. A base-runner who holds his base on a fly ball shall have the right to advance the moment the ball touches a fielder.

Note.—This is an appeal play and the umpire should not make any decision until his attention has been called to it and the play actually made at the base in question.

SPONSORSHIP ACCEPTED

An official communication has been received by the Secretary of the Softball League, from the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association, accepting the sponsorship of the International Softball Series, and adding that they will procure a suitable ground for play.

A meeting of the League will be held soon to discuss the final details of this proposed Series.

"SPOTLIGHT"

William J. K. Woo, managing captain and first baseman of the Canadian Chinese Club, was born at Montreal, Canada, in 1914. He received all his schooling in Canada, and attended McGill University for a year.

Bill, who was "Willie" until after High School days, has been prominently connected with all major sports, starring in basketball and football and ice hockey. In High School he was a representative of the football, ice hockey and basketball squads, and had the honour of being elected the captain of the last named sport in his final year.

ICE HOCKEY PLAYER

In ice hockey, he played in the Spalding Hockey League, the Church League and in the old Montreal



Bill Woo, above, manager, field Captain and first baseman of the Canadian Chinese Club.

Amateur Athletic Association League. In 1932, he played on the McGill University team, which is a clear indication that he was of championship calibre.

In football, Bill was considered a natural caller, and played quarterback for the various teams of which he was a member.

Bill's best showing in athletics was in basketball, winning the Quebec Provincial Junior Basketball championship in 1930 and '31. The next year, the same team defeated the Northern New York State champions, from Plattsburg, and during that same year Bill had the distinction of being selected on the Montreal All-Star team which played against the famous "Winnipeg Toilers," Canadian senior champions for three years.

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In 1933, Bill played for Notre Dame de Grace, in high class company, and was later appointed coach of the Montreal Central Y.M.C.A. juvenile basketball team, which won the championship of the local Y.M.C.A. league that year.

Bill came to China in 1934 and took up athletic coaching at Shanghai, while as a member of the staff of the Liang Kiang Physical School. He now coaches basketball at St. Joseph's College and South

China Athletic Association. He was chosen by the Hong Kong Basketball Federation to coach an all-star team in the Colony to represent this city in the C.N.A. meet at Shanghai, which was postponed.

Bill is "the whole works" in the Canadian Chinese Club's Softball nine, and it is certain that if he had better material to work with, the team would be serious contenders for the pennant.

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Amar Nath In Deadly Form

Bombay, December 14.

If a simple catch at short leg had been held, Lord Tennyson's XI. might now be struggling instead of needing only 81 runs to win the second unofficial Test against All-India, with six wickets in hand, here to-morrow.

Edrich, who has made 51 of the tourists' 90 for four wickets, so far, was dropped before he had scored.

Amar Singh was the luckless bowler. He had previously trapped Parks into a weak stroke into mid-on's safer hands, and he also beat Hardstaff with a good length ball that just lifted the bails.

GOOD CAPTAINCY

V. M. Merchant then showed what a good captain he is by bringing on Amar Nath, who had previously bowled N. W. D. Yardley three times during the tour. After the Yorkshire amateur had scored 2, his stumps were again spread-eagled, and the tourists, set to get 171, had lost three valuable wickets for 20.

The Indians took their overnight total of 68 for four to 208, thanks to another fine innings of 88 by Mankad. In this 22-year-old batsman, who was top scorer in both innings, India have made a discovery.

P. A. Gibb brought off a remarkable catch—his seventh and best of the match—to dismiss Gamruddin.

SECRETS OF CRICKET SUCCESS

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forward to it. My scores of 344 for M.C.C. v. Kent, and 318 not out for Gloucestershire v. Yorkshire, in 1876, were made on wickets of that kind, and I played forward to nearly every good-length ball.

ON SLOW WICKET

"I carry out the same principle on a fast, good, WET wicket: for the bowler has much difficulty in getting work on the ball, owing to its wet, slippery state; but I watch the ball more carefully, for I know it will occasionally keep low and travel faster after it pitches, while shooters occur more frequently than on a dry wicket.

"On a slow good wicket after rain the bowler can get more work on the ball than on a good fast wicket; but the ball does not come so quickly off the pitch, and it rarely rises higher than the bails. You can play either back or forward on a wicket of that kind, according to the pitch of the ball; but in playing forward you must not play too quickly, as the ball sometimes hangs a bit, and you may play it back to the bowler. Turner beat me with his second ball in that way in the second innings of the England v. Australia match at Lord's in 1890. It candidly confess I felt, and daresay I looked, particularly foolish over it. Playing a little too soon at the ball, which got up and hung, I met it on the shoulder of the bat, and an easy catch to Turner followed.

"In the second innings the wicket was much faster and I felt quite at home and played forward with perfect confidence."

It is not given to many to attain the success of W. G. Grace. But all may drink in his wisdom, if they but study the secrets. There is far too much round-the-corner play on good wickets these days.

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EGYPTIAN ARMY TO TAKE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

KING FAROUKH'S WEDDING

Cairo, To-day.

The Egyptian Army will take the oath of allegiance to King Farouk on Friday.

The ceremony will take place in front of Abdin Palace, residence of the King. Originally planned to have taken place last December, the ceremony had to be postponed several times owing to the constitutional crisis.

The former Premier, Nahas Pasha, insisted that the oath of allegiance be sworn not only to the King but also to the Constitution, but the King disapproved of this extension of the oath.

At yesterday's Cabinet it was decided that the Army take the oath only to the King and country, as hitherto, and that any reference to the Constitution should be omitted from the oath formula.—Trans-Ocean.

FINE GENERALLY

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has merged with another of considerable intensity which has developed over China.

Pressure is highest in the vicinity of Shantung and a depres-

Cairo, To-day.

On his wedding day, January 20, the young King Farouk will entertain all children of Cairo at a party to be held in the huge city park.

The children will be the King's guests the whole day.

Among other festivals connected with the Royal marriage will be a treat for the poor of Cairo, for whom three vast tents are being erected where food will be served free continuously for three days.—Trans-Ocean.

RUMANIAN POLICY CONDEMNED

Geneva, To-day.

The Jewish World Congress has condemned the anti-Semitic policy of the new Rumanian Government.

It is pointed out that the policy violates the treaty of 1919, by which Rumania guaranteed equality to all citizens of the country.

The resolution is to be sent to a members of the League Council and to the United States Government.—Trans-Ocean.

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